



Ontario Trillium Award Nomination Guide

Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation

Introduction

The *Ontario Trillium Nomination Guide* describes the two Ontario Trillium Awards and details nomination procedures and criteria for each award. A companion document (the *Ontario Trillium Award Administrative Guide*) provides direction to Board members and others regarding internal administration, consideration of nominations, and the presentation of an Ontario Trillium Award.

History

The Ontario Square and Dance Federation established the **Trillium Merit Award** in 1985. The intention was to recognize dancers and leaders who had demonstrated excellence and dedication and who made outstanding achievements to advance square and/or round dancing in Ontario. The Federation presented the first Trillium Award in the spring of 1985.

In 1999, the Ontario Federation introduced a second Trillium Award, presenting the first **Trillium Long Service Award** in 2000. The Ontario Federation now provides two awards:

The **Trillium Merit Award** recognizes significant contributions to the square and/or round dance community in Ontario beyond the scope of the normal and regular activities of a dancer or leader.

The **Trillium Long Service Award** recognizes individuals who have devoted many years of faithful service to the square and/or round dance community in Ontario.

Nomination Procedure

- 1) a) To submit a nomination, individuals or clubs do so through their regional association – **not directly to the Federation.**
- b) Each year, each regional association may submit up to 2 nominations for a Trillium Merit Award and up to 2 nominations for a Trillium Long Service Award.
- c) The applicable nomination form is to be used for each nomination. Nomination forms are available at: <https://squaredance.on.ca/trillium-awards/>
- d) Nominations require the support of the appropriate regional association. The association must confirm the nominee's membership status with the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.
- e) Completed nomination forms must be sent to the Federation Secretary to arrive by 30 April of the year the award is to be presented.
- f) The Ontario Federation Board will return to the association, any nomination that does not appear to be complete or sufficiently detailed.

Eligibility – for either Trillium Award

- 2) a) Individuals or couples are eligible for nomination, EXCEPT for:
- individuals who have already received an award, and
 - couples in which one or both partners have already received an award.
- b) Nominees must be dancers or leaders involved in square and/or round dancing.
- c) A significant amount of a nominee's dancing experience must have been in Ontario.
- d) Experience and achievements outside of Ontario will be considered.
- e) Nominees may be currently active or retired from dancing.
- f) Nominees who are current dancers or leaders must be members of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.
- g) Nominations will be accepted for posthumous awards.
- h) Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated again in a subsequent year.

Trillium Long Service Award

- 3) a) Nominees for a Trillium Long Service Award must have:
- i) been involved with square and/or round dancing for at least 20 years. Separate periods of time and dancing outside of Ontario can be used to meet the 20-year requirement,
 - ii) served in leadership capacities at the club level, and
 - iii) helped recruit dancers and/or leaders,
- b) Consideration will also be given to volunteer participation in:
- i) more than one style of dancing,
 - ii) multiple clubs,
 - iii) promoting dancing to the general public, and
 - iv) advancing square and/or round dancing in Ontario.

Trillium Merit Award

- 4) a) Nominees for a Trillium Merit Award must have:
- i) been involved with square and/or round dancing for at least 5 years;
 - ii) made a significant contribution to dancing in Ontario;
 - iii) served in leadership capacities at the club level;
 - iv) served as an executive or committee member at the regional, provincial, and/or national level;
 - v) participated in dancer and/or leader recruitment events;
 - vi) supported dancer and/or leader development through mentoring, serving as an angel, and/or serving in leaders' clinics;
 - vii) participated in non-club events such as conventions and dance events outside of their own home area; and
 - viii) volunteered time and effort to contribute beyond the minimum level expected of most dancers or leaders.
- b) Consideration will also be given to volunteer participation in:
- i) more than one style of dancing,
 - ii) multiple clubs,
 - iii) any other activities to advance square and/or round dancing in Ontario.

Awards

- 5) The physical awards provided to award winners include:
- a) a quality parchment scroll,
 - b) a wooden wall plaque, and
 - c) selected jewellery.

Presentation

- 6) a) Award presentations will be made at a time and location jointly agreed upon by the regional association and the recipient.
- b) Whenever possible a representative of the Ontario Federation and the regional association will participate in the presentation.
- c) When regional or provincial presenters cannot participate, the presentations may be conducted at the club level.