

Ontario Federation Trillium Award Information

* Nominations must be received by the SWOSDA executive by FEBRUARY 15

* Nominations must be received by the Federation Secretary no later than APRIL 30

There are 2 types of Trillium Awards:

- Award of Merit
- Long Service Award

The **Award of Merit** was developed by the Ontario S&RD Federation to recognize those Ontario dancers, callers, and leaders who have made outstanding contributions to the square and round dance movement.

The **Trillium Long Service Award** was developed by the Ontario S&RD Federation to recognize those Ontario dancers, callers, and leaders who have devoted years of faithful service to the dance community of Ontario.

The awards are decided annually at the August Board meeting of Ontario S&RD Federation. The Board decides whether the nominee will receive the Merit Award or the Long Service Award (although the nominee or the Regional Association can recommend one).

Ontario Trillium Merit / Long Service Award Guidelines

TRILLIUM MERIT AWARD

Presented to those who have made an outstanding contribution beyond the scope of their regular activities (more than their home club)

Whose accomplishments reflect extraordinary contributions of an innovative or improving nature.

The following suggestions may be useful when thinking of nominating an individual or couple:

- Must be active in Square and Round Dancing for not less than 5 years.
- SWOSDA Executive, Federation Representative, Club Executive, Camping Association
 - List dates and positions held
 - Involvements in other dance related committees
 - Caller's Clinic involvement – positions, dates, # of years, etc
 - Participation at Frosh Dances - other involvements
- Volunteer participant in demonstrations
 - Locations – Hospitals, Malls, Nursing Home, Festivals, etc
- Actively promoting the Square & Round Dance movement
 - Promotion of dancing in public places
 - Recruitment of new dancers – Duty as angels
 - Special Advertising – innovative new methods
- Include some family history
 - Significant items of personal life

- When did they start dancing
 - Activities in other clubs, churches, organizations, etc
 - Children, Grandchildren
 - Hobbies
- Nominees may be current or no-longer-active Dancers, Callers, or Leaders
- Nominations for posthumous awards will also be accepted

TRILLIUM LONG SERVICE AWARD

Presented to those who have shown many years of continued dedication to the Square and Round Dance movement.

The following suggestions may be useful when thinking of nominating an individual or couple:

- Merit Award suggestions should also be reviewed, since many may also apply
- Those whose contributions reflect a continuing dedication to the normal activities of their classification (i.e. dancer or caller/leader) for a period of 25 years or more.
- One or more periods of time may be added together to meet the requirement
- Nominees may be current or no-longer-active Dancers, Callers, or Leaders
- Nominations for posthumous awards will also be accepted

Nomination Process

- Any Individual, Club, or Association may originate nominations.
- Nominations require review and approval by the Regional Association (SWOSDA).
- Nominations will be discussed initially by the SWOSDA Executive at its March meeting (4th Saturday of the month).
- Nomination Forms and information is available from the SWOSDA Secretary, or on the SWOSDA Web Site <http://www.swosda.ca/> - click on LINKS
- **The deadline for receipt of Nomination Forms to SWOSDA's Secretary is March 15th**
- SWOSDA can select only 2 nominations per year per category (Merit or Long Service). Therefore, nominations will be initially reviewed by the SWOSDA Executive at its January meeting (the last Saturday of January) and approved for submission to the Federation on or before its April meeting.

SWOSDA Secretary: Contact Information

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Presentation

- The place, time and event for the presentation of an Award are decided by the Executive of the Association. (SWOSDA Secretary confers with Recipient for the preferred time)
- Whenever possible, award presentation is made by a delegate of the Federation.

The Federation Secretary sends the physical awards directly to the Federation delegates prior to the date of the presentation ceremony.