CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
FREDERIC NEWTON GISBORNE STARR AWARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Description

1. The award shall be known as the Frederic Newton Gisborne Starr Award (F.N.G. Starr Award).

2. Lifetime achievement is the prime requisite in determining the recipient for this award. Such achievement should be so outstanding as to serve as an inspiration and a challenge to the medical profession in Canada. Medalists may have achieved distinction in one of the following ways:
   - by making an outstanding contribution to science, the fine arts or literature (non-medical),
   - by achievement in:
     - serving humanity under conditions calling for courage or the endurance of hardship in the promotion of health or the saving of life,
     - advancing the humanitarian or cultural life of his or her community or
     - improving medical service in Canada.

3. The award represents the highest award that lies within the power of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) to bestow upon one of its members.

4. The award shall take the form of a gold medal that may be worn at official functions.

Terms

1. Nominees must be members of the Canadian Medical Association.

2. The CMA shall be under no obligation to make the award annually; it may be awarded to more than one person in a given year.

3. Any possibility that an individual or organization could exploit winning a CMA award for personal profit or commercial advantage will be taken into consideration.

4. Any CMA member currently sitting as an elected officer, a member of the CMA Board of Directors or the Committee on Archives and Awards, is not eligible for nomination to CMA awards unless under exceptional circumstances.

5. This award will not be awarded posthumously. In the event of the demise of the nominee after being selected but before being presented with the award, it shall be presented posthumously.

6. Nominations may be submitted, accompanied by suitable documentation, by a CMA member, a provincial or territorial medical association, an affiliate or an associate society. Self-nomination is ineligible. Documentation will consist of a completed nomination form, a detailed letter of nomination accompanied by two letters of support and the nominee’s curriculum vitae. Handwritten submissions will not be accepted.

7. A nomination may be re-submitted in a subsequent year.

8. The Chair of the Committee on Archives and Awards shall receive nominations by 30 November of the year prior to the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be presented. They should be sent to the Chair, Committee on Archives and Awards, c/o Corporate Affairs Directorate, Canadian Medical Association, cherise.graujo@cmaj.ca.

9. The Committee on Archives and Awards shall make recommendations to the CMA Board of Directors for the award. The Board of Directors shall make the final decision.

10. The recipient of this award shall be offered the opportunity of attending the Annual General Meeting to accept the award at the expense of the CMA.