Canada Medical Association
Medal of Service

Terms of Reference

Description

1. The award shall be known as the Canadian Medical Association Medal of Service.

2. The award shall be presented for excellence in at least two of the following areas:
   • service to the profession in the field of medical organization;
   • service to physicians by enhancing the overall health and well-being of physician colleagues on both personal and professional levels
   • service to the people of Canada in raising the standards of medical practice in Canada;
   • personal contributions to the advancement of the art and science of medicine.

Terms

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

2. The CMA shall be under no obligation to bestow the award annually.

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 Awards Committee, 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. Previous FNG Starr Award winners are ineligible to receive this award.

7. 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 (letters must be no more than 2 pages in length) and the nominee’s curriculum vitae or bio (3 page maximum). Handwritten nominations will not be accepted.

8. A nomination may be re-submitted in a subsequent year. Should fewer than 3 nominations be received for this award, the award will not be presented and the nominees will be brought forward for consideration the following year.

9. The Chair of the Awards Committee 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, Awards Committee, c/o Canadian Medical Association, cherise.araujo@cma.ca.

10. The Awards Committee shall make recommendations to the CMA Board of Directors for the award. The Board of Directors shall make the final decision.

11. 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.