

OCULA Lifetime Achievement Award Policy

Description

This award recognizes an individual working in libraries in Ontario who has made an outstanding contribution to academic or research library development. The award honours exceptional achievements in college or university libraries.

Criteria/Eligibility

To qualify, nominees must have shown exceptional achievement in the following areas:

- Service to library committees, associations or organizations;
- Research and publication in areas of academic librarianship;
- Planning and implementing a library program which serves as a model to others.
- Service as a role model or mentor to others

Nominees do not have to be members of OLA or OCULA to be eligible for this award.

Nomination Procedure

The nominator must be a member in good standing of OLA/OCULA.

The nomination must be completed. Form is located on the OLA Website on the awards information page.

The nominator must provide sufficient documented evidence of the nominee's contribution, including:

- Candidate CV
- One letter of support from the nominator, with 3-5 letters supporting the nomination that provide specific examples of the nominee's achievement(s). The selection committee strongly suggests that the letters be from a range of colleagues, e.g. direct reports, faculty, students, supervisors, etc. The letters as a whole should speak to the four criteria that will be evaluated:
 - Service to OLA / OCULA and any other library organization
 - Scholarly activities (e.g. conference presentations, research, publications, editing a book, blogging, etc.)
 - Planning and implementing a library program which serves as a model to others
 - Served as a role model / mentor to others

In addition to these criteria, the Committee will look for evidence of leadership in the profession, and will also consider the completeness of the nomination package. Ideally, the nominator should consult with the nominee for names of colleagues knowledgeable about their work. Please also consult this selection rubric for a full understanding of how the nomination package will be evaluated.

- Nominations will be accepted between September – November. The closing date for nominations is: **November 1**.

- Once the winner has been chosen, the OCULA

Past President will contact the successful nominator. The OLA office will contact all unsuccessful nominators.

- Unless otherwise arranged, the OCULA Past President will also contact the successful nominee and request a photo for promotion purposes. The OLA office will later connect with the nominator and the recipient for award presentation logistics.
- If desired, nominators may be involved in the award presentation such as creating and/or writing the presentation speech. Please indicate your interest to do so in the nomination form.

Selection Process

- The selection committee consists of a past award recipient, one OCULA councillor, and an OCULA past president (Chair). The committee makes decisions based solely on the content of the nomination package and does not review additional materials or websites.
- Eligible applications will be assessed according to the criteria as above.
- The OCULA Awards Committee will present all qualified candidates to the OCULA Council for consideration. The Council will consider all potential candidates, including those nominated from the membership.
- Nominations are active for 2 years. If a nomination is unsuccessful in the first year that it is submitted, it will be held for the next year to be reconsidered. Nominators will be asked to update information submitted.
- The presentation of the award is at the discretion of OCULA Council and is not necessarily presented on an annual basis.

Award Presentation Information

- This award is presented at the OLA annual Super Conference at the end of the OCULA Annual General Meeting.
- The winner will be notified in advance of the award presentation.
- At the presentation, an introductory speech will be delivered by the nominator outlining the achievements of the award winner.
- The recipient will prepare a short acceptance speech.
- Guests of award winners are welcome to attend the award presentation, however, they must be a registered conference attendees or registered guests. All attendees must have a conference badge to be onsite.