



Lifesaving Society – Manitoba Branch

Manitoba Awards Nominations Criteria

Lifeguard of the Year Award

This award was created in 2004 to recognize a currently-certified National Lifeguard award holder in Manitoba. It is intended to honour an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding dedication to the ideals of the National Lifeguard program, and who has gone above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to ensuring the safety and well-being of patrons in their facility.

- **Eligibility:** Individuals who hold (or held at the time of the event being recognized) a current National Lifeguard certification.
 - **Limitations:** Only one Lifeguard of the Year award shall be presented for a given calendar year.
 - **Multiple Awards:** Yes – An individual may be recognized more than once as Lifeguard of the Year, but a minimum period of 5 years must pass between nominations for the award.
 - **Form of Award:** Certificate; Engraved master plaque retained in the office.
 - **Nomination Deadline:** January 30 of the year following the year in which the service or event to be honoured occurred (e.g. for service that took place in 2017 a nomination would be due by January 30, 2018).
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Instructor of the Year Award

This award was created in 2004 to recognize a currently-certified Lifesaving Instructor/Examiner, or higher-level leadership award holder in Manitoba. It is intended to honour an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding dedication to the ideals of the Lifesaving Society – Canada, and who has demonstrated excellence in the teaching of lifesaving courses, or has otherwise made a significant impact in the spread of lifesaving and water safety knowledge in Manitoba.

- **Eligibility:** Individuals who hold a current Lifesaving Instructor or higher Lifesaving Society leadership certification.
 - **Limitations:** Only one Instructor of the Year award shall be presented for a given calendar year.
 - **Multiple Awards:** Yes – An individual may be recognized more than once as Instructor of the Year, but a minimum period of 5 years must pass between nominations for the award.
 - **Form of Award:** Certificate; Engraved master plaque retained in the office.
 - **Nomination Deadline:** January 30 of the year following the year in which the service or event to be honoured occurred (e.g. for service that took place in 2017 a nomination would be due by January 30, 2018).
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Jim McDiarmid Memorial Award

This honour was created in 1995 in memory of the late James (Jim) McDiarmid. Mr. McDiarmid was a long-time dedicated volunteer of the Society. He served both the Manitoba Branch and the National Office of the Society in many capacities, with his final contributions being as the Archives Chair for the Manitoba Branch and the on-site liaison and keeper of the Society's artifacts in the Canadian Aquatic Hall of Fame and Museum at the Pan Am Pool. He was also the first member of the Royal Life Saving Society Canada – Manitoba Branch ever named a RLSS Commonwealth Honourary Life Member (in 1984).

Because of his love for the Society and his desire to ensure its history of dedicated volunteers was maintained, the Branch recognizes annually an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of Lifesaving education in Manitoba, or who has shown a long-term commitment to the maintenance of the history of the Manitoba Branch.

- **Eligibility:** Individuals (Volunteers)
- **Limitations:** Only one Jim McDiarmid Memorial Award may be presented for a given calendar year. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, no award may be awarded in a given calendar year if it is felt that there are no eligible nominees.
- **Multiple Awards:** No – A given honouree may only receive the award once.
- **Form of Award:** Certificate; Engraved master plaque retained in the office.
- **Nomination Deadline:** January 30 of the year following the year in which the service or event to be honoured occurred (e.g. for service that took place in 2017 a nomination would be due by January 30, 2018).