

PRAIRIE CANADA CARVER'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Guidelines

Submitted by the Education Committee

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Approved by the Board of Directors

Overall the program aims to recognize and acknowledge individuals, organizations and businesses for excellence and achievement in promoting and engendering the art of carving in North America.

Within the first few years of the program, preferential treatment will be given to nominees that recognize excellence and achievement in Prairie Canada. However, with time every effort should be taken to bring national and international recipients into the fold.

Program Administration

1. Nominations must be submitted in writing to Prairie Canada Carver's Association along with support information. Nominations will be received throughout the year, however, a deadline of January 31 is established as a cut off for inclusion in the period under review (60 days in advance of annual competition).
2. Nominations may be submitted by anyone; carvers will not be allowed to nominate themselves.
3. North American carvers, organizations and businesses are eligible for consideration. Board members of PCCA are ineligible for consideration.
4. The Education Committee will oversee all aspects of the award program, including making a selection of recipients for presentation to the Board of Directors for approval (either at a regular meeting or via e-mail).
5. The Committee will acknowledge each nomination in writing (mail or electronic), advising the nominator of the status of the submission. The Committee will seek supplemental information where required, either from the nominator or another party(s). Board members of PCCA are not allowed to nominate candidates directly. Once the annual selection is complete, the Committee will manage nominee considerations by placing them on
 - a. An inactive list (unsuitable or not for immediate consideration, or
 - b. An active list for further review.
6. No more than two awards will be made annually (unless approved by the Board for special circumstances).
7. Recipients will be notified of recognition in advance of the annual banquet and asked to review and approve support information before its release.
8. Awards will be presented at the annual competition awards banquet. Recipients and companions will be invited as guests of PCCA. A news release announcing recipients will be issued to the media and interested parties (local papers in

particular will be targeted) and announced in the newsletter and posted on the website.

Selection Criteria

Nominees will be evaluated on:

1. Years of commitment to the advancement and promotion of carving (10 years minimum).
2. Level of commitment to the carving community (courses offered, shows organized, articles written, people taught, leadership, etc.) with an emphasis on the lasting influence of the recipients on carvers.
3. Level of recipient recognition and respect garnered within the carving community.