

Citizen of Distinction Award

The **Morden Area Foundation (MAF) Citizen of Distinction Award** is designed to recognize and honour, on an annual basis, citizens who have a strong commitment to making the City of Morden and area a better place to live, visit and play through their long-term commitment by service and excellence in leadership.

Definition of Terms:

Citizen – someone who is regarded as a member of their community

Distinction – different, stands out – excellence that sets someone apart from others

Criteria:

1. Nominations must be submitted on an official MAF nomination form
2. All entries must be received not later than 4pm on March 31st
3. All nomination information and material submitted remains the property of the MAF
4. Nominees must be a current or former resident of Morden to be eligible for this award
5. All nominees must be individuals who have exemplified volunteerism and/or a commitment to improving the City of Morden through their place of employment. All nominees must exemplify a positive leadership quality that is truly inspiring for others to care for one another and uplift the fellow citizens of Morden and area.
6. The nominee's service to the community will have occurred over an extended period of time and not focused solely on one singular event or activity.
7. Nominees must have made a significant contribution toward the future of our community through conservation projects, education, health and welfare projects, awareness of or advocacy to the development of Morden.
8. Nominees must be at least 18 years of age.
9. All nominees clearly set positive examples and motivate others.
10. Two names must appear as nominators on Nomination Form.
11. Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

Nomination/Selection Procedure:

1. Accepted nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee early April
2. An individual only need to be nominated once in order to qualify
3. A committee of past recipients will make the final selection. Their decision will be based on the length of service/commitment/leadership, the legacy created, impact on the community, and breadth of the individual's impact.

4. The award recipient will be presented with the award at a reception held at the Morden Legion Branch #11 on a Sunday afternoon in May. Said reception will be open to the public.

History of this Award:

In 1946, the Kinsmen Club of Morden established the Meritorious Service Award at the suggestion of its first honorary member, Judge J.M. George. The first recipient of the 'Citizen of the Year' award was George E. Cox.

The final Kinsmen Award was presented in 2002, the year the Morden Kinsmen Club ceased operation. From 1946 to 2002, 57 citizens were recognized for their outstanding community service. The Morden Area Foundation understands the importance of philanthropy in creating a robust community and therefore chose to continue presenting this award to some of Morden's finest.

While this award was initially based on exemplary contributions based solely on volunteerism, in 2018 the MAF Board agreed there are so many outstanding citizens making impactful contributions of service to the City of Morden through their work. Therefore, nominations may be made on volunteerism and/or paid work.

Today the MAF Citizen of Distinction Award is granted to citizens who make a difference to the lives of all those to wish to live, play, and visit the City of Morden through their role modelling leadership, positive attitude, behind the scenes support and/or out-front leadership, and authentic care for the wellbeing of Morden and area.



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Nomination Form

Nominators (two required)

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Email _____

Nominee

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

List/describe the activities of the nominee (continue on additional pages if necessary).

Please elaborate and be specific with dates, awards, accomplishments, positions held, legacy, impact on community, fellow volunteers, staff persons, or community at large, list organizations, and any details that will set this nominee apart from all others.

Please submit nominations to the Morden Area Foundation office, 13 - 379 Stephen Street, Morden, MB R6M 0G8, or by email to info@mordenfoundation.ca before March 31.