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Good morning,

In the coming weeks, many of you will be calling out for nominations for the Branch President's Trophy (Outstanding Army Cadet in the province/territory).

This past training year has most definitely been challenging, to say the least. Many cadets have, for no fault of their own, been unable to receive awards or be given equitable opportunity to participate in required eligibility activities. This does not mean that you do not have outstanding cadets within your Branch and ultimately, the country, that are still worthy of recognition.

As detailed in the Executive Director's email of February 3rd, 2021, with the support of myself and the Chair of the National Awards Committee, all awards, scholarships, bursaries and grants will be awarded where possible. The Branch Presidents' Trophies and Walsh Memorial Sword are no exceptions.

All Branches are directed and encouraged to request nominations and select their recipient based upon the intent of the award. The following additional guidance is provided to augment the current policy:

Be a recipient of the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence – Many Cadet Corps did not present the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence during the 2019-2020 training year. The same is anticipated for the 2020-2021 training year.

A major requirement for selection for the RCLCME is community service (CATO 13-16 Annex E): a minimum of 3 community service activities is required. There is no stipulation that these must be done in the same training year; and there is no requirement that this must be done within the Cadet Program. Community service, as we well know, comes in a large variety of forms. We are positive that there are cadets that fulfill this requirement at every Army Cadet Corps in the country, and encourage you to explore eligibility beyond what the Cadet Corps' calendar may reflect for this past year.

Be a serving Army Cadet on the date of the nomination – No change. This can only be confirmed by the Corps CO.

Be in a position to continue to serve as a member of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets until June 1st of the proceeding award year – No change. Remember that the individual cannot turn 18 on or before June 1st, 2021. They cannot turn 19 on or before June 1st, 2022. They also cannot be selected for RMC, as their enrolment into the CAF precludes them from maintaining active membership as an Army Cadet next year.

Be Master Cadet qualified – No change. As reported by the Comd CJCR, all training is being conducted that can be conducted. The pandemic will not stop a cadet from receiving Star Level qualifications.



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Have demonstrated outstanding loyalty to his/her Cadet Corps and the Royal Canadian Army Cadets – No change. This can continue to be achieved during the pandemic. Some have even excelled in this area over the past year.


Be regarded as an excellent ambassador of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet program – No change. This continues to be achieved during the pandemic. As above, some have really excelled in this area over the past year.

Have successfully completed an Advanced Training Summer Course or have participated at the national level of a Nationally Directed Activity – This requirement will need some imagination, and again there is no stipulation that this must be done in the same training year as the nomination. Advanced Training, so that all are aware, includes employment as a Staff Cadet. Under present activity restrictions, consideration may also be given to cadet who participated as a member of the Regional or National Cadet Council, or were selected to work on a special project or assignment through their RCSU (eg. Cadet Correspondent, Senior Cadet Council, etc. In short, did a cadet do anything outside of their regular LHQ activity commensurate with advanced training and in-line with recognition as an outstanding Army Cadet?

At the end of the day, there is high probability that we have 423 outstanding cadets across this country eligible for the Branch Presidents' Trophies.

All Branches are reminded that in accordance with the new Memorandum of Understanding, awards, recognition, grants and bursaries for cadets and cadet corps is a shared responsibility. When forming a selection committee, ensure that the CO of the RCSU is invited to participate. He or she shall appoint a representative as appropriate.

Regards,


Cathy Bach
National President

