



OSCA MERIT AWARD

Criteria

Each year, OSCA Council may bestow a limited number of OSCA Merit Awards to suitably honour OSCA contributors whose commitment to OSCA directly, or an OSCA-affiliated club or society has been outstanding in nature.

Many factors are considered when selecting potential honours, especially:

- The recipient's involvement has contributed significantly to the success of the entity and its causes.
- Generally, at least ten years or more of exceptional commitment and service to the entity and its purposes.
- At the time of being nominated, recipients are widely recognisable within their sphere of OSCA-related involvement.
- Involvement in OSCA committees, branches or clubs and societies.
- The significance of a recipient's contribution should reasonably be expected to stand the test of time.
- Leadership positions in affiliated clubs, societies, branches and / or OSCA committees over a sustained period.

It is the exceptional and substantial contribution that should stand out as the most important criterion.

PROCESS

1. Each year in May, the OSCA Executive Director will write to all affiliated clubs and societies calling for nominations for Merit Awards.
2. Nominations are to be made on the standard application form and require one proposer, one seconder and a statement pertaining to the candidate's outstanding service to OSCA or and OSCA-affiliated club.
3. The nomination should be kept secret from the nominee.
4. Nominations must be received by the Executive Director by 30 June each year, except that a late nomination may be accepted if circumstances are exceptional and there is still reasonable time for OSCA to consider it.
5. The Executive Director will present valid Merit Award nominations to the Clubs and Societies Committee for assessment against the criteria and provide a recommendation to the OSCA Council.
6. OSCA Council will at its August meeting decide who is to be offered honours in that year.
7. The OSCA President, Executive Director or delegated representative will advise Council's decision to the nominees and nominators.
8. Merit Awards will normally be presented at the annual Presidents' Dinner in November.