

Call for Submissions: MAS 2018 AWARDS

The Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) is seeking submissions for their 2018 Awards, to be presented at the Annual Conference Luncheon in Humboldt, SK on June 8th, 2018. There are three awards - the, **Young Professional Award**, **Award of Merit** and the **Lifetime Achievement Award**. The Award of Merit has two streams, one for institutions and one for individuals. There are two sub-streams in the Award of Merit - Institutional category, one for organizations with budgets over \$100,000.00 and one for organizations with budgets less than \$100,000.00.

We prefer to accept submissions online, however, if you require this nomination form as a hard copy or PDF, please call Michelle at 306-780-9451 or email community@saskmuseums.org.

The deadline for submission is April 15, 2018.

CRITERIA & GUIDELINES:

Young Professional Award

The Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) Young Professional of the Year Award recognizes the efforts of an outstanding individual who has made great strides and contributions to the broad museum community including: art galleries, ecomuseums and/or heritage communities. They will have demonstrated passion and integrity. They must have endeavoured to develop and share their experience, knowledge, and skills, by participating in training, such as those offered by MAS.

In addition, nominees must meet the following criteria and eligibility requirements:

- Be a member of MAS or working for/volunteering with a member institute of MAS;
- Be currently attending school or have graduated from relevant education within ten years of the annual meeting and/or
- Be less than 35 years of age, working towards a career in museums, art galleries, and/or heritage
- Have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement, growth, and development of the museum sector including: art galleries, ecomuseums and/or heritage communities
- Have not received the award previously.

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is conferred on an institution or individual who have raised awareness, promoted, and advanced the museum sector in Saskatchewan through recent significant and sustained contributions to their communities in the form of museum projects completed within the past two years.

1. Institution:

The successful institution will be recognised for outstanding success in areas such as community engagement, programmes involving inclusivity and Indigenization, and originality in exhibitions. The institution will be located in Saskatchewan, and have played a significant role in the collection, preservation and/or presentation of Saskatchewan's tangible and intangible cultural heritage. This may involve: special projects; establishing community partnerships and attracting new audiences; supporting schools and organisations through original programming; and developing and presenting innovative exhibitions. There are two streams of awards in this category - one for institutions with operating budgets over \$100,000.00 and one for institutions with budgets under \$100,000.00.

An institution may nominate itself, or be nominated by persons or groups associated with it. It can also be put forward by another institution(s) or individual. The nominator is not required to be in Saskatchewan.

2. Individual:

The chosen individual will be honoured for their creative and innovative work in areas within museum operations. This includes volunteers, staff or professionals living in Saskatchewan who have undertaken specific projects in areas such as: collections management; research; creation of programmes and exhibitions; and marketing and administration. Activities may include: implementing curatorial best practices; leading community-based research; launching non-traditional programmes and exhibitions (such as web-based exhibitions, or travelling programs); and museum publications.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual in recognition of their outstanding contributions and demonstrated long-term commitment to advancing museums, art galleries, eco-museums and/or heritage communities in Saskatchewan. This person is recognized by their peers as having made inspirational, significant, long-lasting impacts in the museum sector, and they will have advocated for the goals and values of the Museums Association of Saskatchewan throughout their career.

1. **Long-term Commitment to Advancing the Museum Sector in Saskatchewan:** This individual will be a dedicated staff person or volunteer, who has significantly affected the museum sector. Their efforts will have promoted and improved museums in the province.
2. **Outstanding Leadership & Advocated for Vision/Values of MAS:** This individual will have demonstrated clear leadership qualities as well as endorsed and advanced the vision and values of MAS through their work. The vision and values of MAS are:

"Saskatchewan's cultural and natural heritage will be preserved, understood and celebrated through a strong, vibrant museum community, valued and supported by society."

This leadership can be seen through efforts like volunteering or working with Saskatchewan museums, advocating for museums provincially and nationally, educating others on the importance of museums, and/or motivating and engaging the museum sector, participating in professional development opportunities and activities, such as, but not limited to, those offered by MAS, and serving as a board director.

3. **High Standards in Museum Work:** This individual will have shown a clear understanding of nationally recognised best practices, as well as MAS Standards for Saskatchewan Museums, and will have applied these standards to their museum.