



Advocacy and Outreach Award

Award

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Purpose

- To identify and honour members of the Association whose work has raised public awareness of archives and recordkeeping;
- To recognize, celebrate, and encourage outstanding examples of advocacy and outreach within archives and recordkeeping;

Scope

The Advocacy and Outreach Award may be awarded annually to any individual or organization who is a member of the Association in good standing.

Responsibility

The Awards Committee shall receive and evaluate all nominations.

The Committee shall decide the recipient(s) of the award for each year or decide that no award shall be given and recommend this decision to the Board for approval.

The Board of Directors shall approve the recipient(s) of the Advocacy and Outreach Award.

Eligibility

Current members of the Board of Directors; Governance Committee; Awards Committee; Coordinators and Association employees are not eligible.

Selection Criteria

The Advocacy and Outreach Award acknowledges an ACA member (individual or organization) whose work has fostered public awareness of archives, records management, and recordkeeping. The Award recognizes Advocacy and Outreach work that is particularly impactful and has raised public consciousness of the value of archives, records management, and recordkeeping either regionally, nationally, or internationally. Advocacy and Outreach work may include, but is not limited to:

- Community Partnerships: Leadership in fostering collaboration between the profession and community-driven archives.
- Exhibitions: An exhibition, either physical or digital, which demonstrates excellence and originality in exhibition content and design.
- Indigenization: Innovative and proactive leadership in response to the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



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- Legislation: Advocating successfully for legal or policy changes that advance archives, records management, and recordkeeping.
- Publicity: Excellence in representing the archives and recordkeeping profession in the media (print, radio, or television).
- Writing & Publishing: Writing a finding aid or other form of archival description, an article, a book, or other publication, which demonstrates excellence in writing and fosters access to, and awareness of, archives.
- Training Programs designed to educate those outside of the profession on archives, records management, and/or recordkeeping, implemented either within an organization or as part of a broader public outreach initiative.

Nomination and Selection Procedures

Nominations are made by the membership at large and submitted to the Awards Committee. Bestowing the award shall be based on evidence submitted by the nominator(s) and the criteria outlined for the award. The Committee decides the final recipient(s) by majority vote and submits them to the Board of Directors.

Instructions for Submissions

All nominations must be accompanied by a completed nomination form describing the nominee's achievements, related supporting documentation, and two letters of support from members in good standing. Nomination form and related documentation must be submitted electronically.

Deadline for Submissions

Submissions must be received by the Awards Committee by August 16, 2020.

Prize

Certificate.

Date and Place of Presentation

The Advocacy and Outreach Award shall be bestowed at the Online Awards Celebration in September 2020..