



Summary of Alberta & Northwest Territories Division Awards

Recipients of awards highlighted in red will be forwarded for consideration for the National Volunteer Awards.

THE PRESIDENT'S DIVISION AWARD

The President's Division Award is the most prestigious award given by the MS Society. The President's Division Award recognizes an individual with MS who has made valuable contributions to the MS Society of Canada. The successful candidate will have enhanced the influence and position of persons with MS within the Society through their own activities, either by encouraging others to take a role in the Society and/or by setting an example. The candidate will have also created greater public awareness of MS to the community-at-large.

Recipients of the President's Division Award are also submitted as the division nominee for the National President's Award. Nominators are encouraged to include information on how the nominee has made an impact on a nationwide scale. There will only be one award recipient per year.

The National President's Award recipient becomes eligible for nomination for the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation's James D. Wolfensohn Award for International Person with MS. Given that the Wolfensohn Award is awarded every two years, one of the recipients of the President's Award within that timeframe will be nominated for the honour. The program coordinator will work with the national research and programs department and/or the office of the president to determine which recipient will be nominated. The coordinator will also work with chapter and/or division staff to inform the selected nominee of their nomination to the James D. Wolfensohn Award.

DIVISION AWARD OF MERIT - MEMBER

The Division Award of Merit, Member, recognizes an outstanding contribution by a member of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada in furthering the work of the MS Society on a Division/nationwide basis. The contribution may have been made in any of the following areas: programs and services, public education, government relations, fundraising, research or administration.

Recipients of the Division Award of Merit, Member, are also submitted as the Division nominee for the National Awards of Merit, Member. Nominators are encouraged to include information on how the nominee has made an impact on a nationwide scale.

DIVISION AWARD OF MERIT – NON-MEMBER

The Division Award of Merit, Non-member, recognizes an outstanding contribution by a member of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada in furthering the work of the MS Society on a division/nationwide basis. The contribution may have been made in any of the following areas: programs and services, public education, government relations, fundraising, research or administration.

Recipients of the Division Award of Merit, Non-Member, are also submitted as the Division nominee for the National Awards of Merit, Non-Member. Nominators are encouraged to include information on how the nominee has made an impact on a nationwide scale.

NANCY R. PERKINS DIVISION AWARD

The Nancy R. Perkins Division Award honors the memory of Nancy R. Perkins, a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer who served on the national board of directors as honorary secretary as well as chair of the national public education committee from 1978 to 1982.

It recognizes lifetime achievement for an individual who has left active volunteer service to the MS Society.

Recipients of the Nancy R. Perkins Division Award are also submitted as the division nominee for the National Nancy R. Perkins Award. Nominators are encouraged to include information on how the nominee has made an impact on a nationwide scale. There will only be one award recipient per year.

OPAL DIVISION AWARD

The Opal Division Award was founded to recognize the contributions of those who are or have been caregivers to people with MS. The award was initiated to honor the dedication and devotion displayed by Jack and Minda Opal in supporting and caring for Evelyn Opal, a founding member of the MS Society. Since it was created in 1993, the award has captured the hearts of persons with MS, family members, volunteers and staff.

Recipients of the Opal Division Award are also submitted as the division nominee for the National Opal Award. Nominators are encouraged to include information on how the nominee has made an impact on a nationwide scale. There will only be one award recipient per year.

The National Opal Award recipient will become the MS Society's nominee for the MS International Federation's Evelyn Nicholson Award for International Caregiver.

BOARD CHAIR'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION DIVISION AWARD

The Board Chair's Special Recognition Division Award recognizes a member of the Society, staff member, service club, group, business association, etc., who has made an outstanding contribution to the MS Society.

JUNIOR MERIT DIVISION AWARD

The Junior Merit Division Award recognizes outstanding contribution by a young individual (18 or younger) who is furthering the work of the MS Society in the community. The contribution may have been made in any of the following areas: programs and services, public education, government relations, fundraising, research or administration.

SPECIAL SERVICE DIVISION AWARD

The Special Service Division Award recognizes a service club, group or business which has aided the Society substantially through financial or special service projects.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AWARD

The Communications Division Award recognizes contributions by an individual or organization in one or more of the following areas:

- effective presentation of multiple sclerosis via radio, television, newspaper, magazine, etc.
- regular and continued interest in promoting the Society's goals and objectives
- special assistance in promotion of special events of the Society (Carnation Campaign, Bike Tour, Walk, etc.).

JOANNE ROBINSON DIVISION AWARD

The Joanne Robinson Division Award recognizes an individual who:

- has been active in direct services to those who have multiple sclerosis, their families, the community, or in advocacy on behalf of persons with MS.
- has promoted the goals of the Society throughout the larger community.

Candidates must be a current member of the Society

PAT STEWART DIVISION AWARD

The Pat Stewart Division Award recognizes an individual who:

- has been active in fund raising, public education or public relations, or has served on boards/committees of the MS Society.
- has promoted the goals of the Society throughout the larger community.

Candidates must be current members of the Society.

MAUREEN ALLEN DIVISION AWARD

The Maureen Allen Division Award recognizes an individual or organization who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and/or achievement in the area of Social Action.

PROFESSIONAL CARE DIVISION AWARD

The Professional Care Division Award recognizes a health care professional who has exhibited special dedication and effectiveness in providing care or service to those living with multiple sclerosis, their families, or the community.

PAUL SCOTT DIVISION AWARD

The Paul Scott Division Award recognizes any employee of the Division or any Chapter in the Alberta and Northwest Territories who has aided the Society substantially through dedicated and exceptional employment.