
In Search of Cadet Excellence



**Nominations are invited for the Top Three
Cadet Awards presented annually by the OPC:**

BGen Bob Robert Shield
(Cadet-of-the-Year)

Robert Snider Memorial Award
(Outstanding Citizenship)

Peter Stickley Memorial Award
(Outstanding Leadership)

Evaluation and selection of recipients for the OPC's three senior Cadet Awards will once again be made by the combined efforts of RCSU Detachments / Areas and an OPC Selection Board.

The recipients will be announced and have their Awards presented during the Cadet Awards Luncheon, at the Sheraton Parkway North Hotel in Richmond Hill, on Saturday, October 28.

Commanding Officers and Sponsoring Committee Chairs are invited to submit nominations for their "Top Guns" to the appropriate Area OIC for consideration, not later than Friday, July 28.

Information Required about Nominees

1. A completed Nomination Form.
2. A brief statement– no more than 50 words – of the reasons why this Cadet is a worthy candidate.
3. A more detailed description of the character, service and accomplishments of the nominee, relating them to fulfillment of the Award criteria.
4. Testimonials – the names and contact information of two additional individuals who can attest to the quality and impact of the nominee’s accomplishments – are required.
5. **NOTE:** Send a copy of the nomination package to the Area OIC at your Area Training Office. Their written support of the nomination is mandatory.

General Criteria

1. Attained the rank of Flight Sergeant.
2. Attended an Advanced or National Summer Training Course, or served as a CSTC Staff Cadet.
3. Receipt of a National Award (e.g., Lord Strathcona Medal) is an asset, but not a requirement.
4. An exemplary level of personal dress and deportment.
5. Will be a serving Cadet as of 11 Nov 2017

Leadership Criteria

1. Motivates and inspires people around them to accomplish more than they normally would.
2. Inspires a high level of commitment from others when taking on initiatives.
3. Creates a compelling vision for the future and helps others understand their role in achieving the goals of the Air Cadet Program.
4. Actively shares responsibility, authority, information and credit when working towards the achievement of any goal.
5. Gives team members all of the tools, authority and trust needed to complete their tasks.
6. Takes prompt decisive action to resolve issues quickly and effectively when they arise.
7. Communicates in a manner which is fair, straightforward, honourable, and open.
8. Sets a high standard of integrity by leading through example and maintains high personal standards.

Citizenship Criteria

1. Participates in Air Cadet, school and/or community service programs.
 2. Shows a positive attitude towards others in the Cadet program, their classmates and community.
 3. Displays an understanding and appreciation of civic responsibility.
 4. Possesses strength of character and the courage to do what is right in all instances.
 5. Promotes citizenship within their Squadron, their school and/or communities through other activities.
 6. Motivates others to action for the benefit of the community.
 7. Has a good scholastic record.
 8. Has a good attendance record at Cadets and school.
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Selection Process

1. Nominations may be made by COs, SSC Chairs and RCAs through the Area OIC of each RCSU Area Training Officer to the OPC Honours & Awards Chair according to the following ratio:
 - NOA , SEOA and OSLA – maximum of 2 candidates each
 - COA, SWOA and NGTA – maximum of 4 candidates each
2. Complete Nomination Packages must be sent to the respective Area OIC's (and may be copied to the Honours & Awards Committee).
3. Up to eighteen candidates may be recommended to the OPC Honours & Awards Committee by the Area OIC's.
4. The Committee will appoint a Selection Board which will interview all candidates during the month of September. The Selection Board will consist of the following individuals:
 - Two OPC members appointed by the Honours & Awards Committee;
 - A DND member, usually an Element Advisor, invited by the OPC.
5. The Board will recommend the best candidate for each of the three awards to the Honours & Awards Committee. Cadets may only receive one award per selection year.

Format of Awards

1. All finalists will be invited to attend the Cadet Awards Luncheon on Saturday, October 28.
2. All finalists will receive recognition certificates as being the 2017 OPC "Top Guns."
3. A bursary program for Award recipients has been established as follows:
 - OPC Cadet of the Year - \$700
 - Outstanding Citizenship Award - \$350
 - Outstanding Leadership Award - \$350

Deadlines

1. **Completed Nomination packages submitted to your Area OIC by July 28.**
2. **Area OIC's to submit names of finalists to the Selection Board by September 5.**
3. **Selection Board to conduct interviews and recommend Award winners to the Honours & Awards Committee by September 30.**

Further Information

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AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA

Ontario Provincial Committee

2017 NOMINATION FOR A TOP CADET AWARD

Award Recommended:

<input type="checkbox"/>	BGen Bob Robert Shield (Cadet of the Year)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peter Stickley Memorial Award (Exemplary Leadership)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Snider Memorial Award (Exemplary Citizenship / Community Service)

Nominee:

Rank	Last Name(s):	Given Name(s):
Squadron:		
Home Address:		
Municipality:	ON Postal Code:	Phone:
Email:		
Date Enrolled:	<input type="checkbox"/> Will not Age-Out prior to 11 Nov 2017	

DND / League Awards:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lord Strathcona Medal	<input type="checkbox"/>	RCL Cadet Medal of Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>	ANAVETS Medal
<input type="checkbox"/>	RCAF Association Medal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Order of St. George Medal		
Other National or Regional DND or National League Awards:					
We will check to see if the Nominee received an OPC Award.					

Summer Training:

List National and Advanced Regional Summer Training Courses attended, and Staff Cadet positions.
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2017 NOMINATION FOR A TOP CADET AWARD

Nominated by:

Mr/Ms/Rank:	Last Name(s):	Given Name(s):
Position and Affiliation:		
Email:		Phone:
Signature:		Date:

Endorsed by:

Mr/Ms/Rank:	Last Name(s):	Given Name(s):
Position and Affiliation:		
Email:		Phone:
Signature:		Date:

Required Information:

1. A completed Nomination Form.
2. A brief statement – no more than 50 words – of the reasons this Cadet is a worthy candidate.
3. A 1-2 page summary of the character, service and accomplishments of the nominee, relating them to fulfillment of the Award criteria.
4. Testimonials – the names and contact information of two additional individuals who can attest to the quality and impact of the nominee's accomplishments – are required.
5. **NOTE:** Send a copy of the nomination package to the Area OIC. Their written support of the nomination is mandatory.

Submit to:

Send completed nomination packages to the Honours & Awards Committee.

By mail or courier: c/o the OPC Office (address below)

By email: john.evans@aircadetleague.on.ca

By fax: 905-479-2789

DEADLINE: **Friday, July 28, 2017**

Questions:

Honours & Awards Committee Chair:

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