



Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association Inc.

Our Association has decided, in response to members' requests, to offer an award to those dancers who give dedicated service to promote the well-being of their club and to the square and round dance activity. The Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation does offer the Trillium Awards, one for long service and the other an award of merit. See <https://squaredance.on.ca/trillium-awards/trillium-awards-information-and-guidelines/>. There are many deserving people who may not meet the requirements of the Federation Trillium Awards, but are nevertheless deserving of being recognized for their contributions. We hope that this T&D Recognition Merit Award will fill this void.

Recognition Merit Award Guidelines

This Award is dedicated to recognizing any deserving T&D club member(s)/caller/cuer who contributes significantly to their dance club(s).

Recognition Merit Award Criteria: The nominees' contributions shall be reflective of a continuing dedication to the normal activities of the Club(s).

The participation in square or round dancing shall be a minimum of 12 years.

When evaluating a nominee the following criteria will be considered:

- i. Active Executive member(s) of the Club or active member(s) as representative(s) on Club committees – dates and positions held.
- ii. Involvement with other dance related committees.
- iii. Actively being involved in recruiting new dancers and regularly acting as angels for new dancers. Participating in special dances for basic and mainstream dancers.
- iv. Callers Clinic/School involvement – give brief description of involvement.
- v. Significant promotional activities; actively promoting the Square or the Round Dance movement – public demos, developing innovative new methods of advertising and recruiting, eg. trade shows, fairs, etc. Give details.
- vi. Any other factors illustrating the nominee participated in significant ways different than other dancers/dance leaders.

One Recognition Merit Award per club per year may be awarded. It is recommended that the nomination be kept confidential from the prospective recipient(s). Not all nominations may be successful. The decision on who will receive this Merit Award will be made by the Executive committee of the Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association.

Please complete the Nomination Form. **Deadline for submission is May 15th of each year.** Additional forms can be downloaded from <http://td-dance.ca/>.