



## **KATHARINE MCLENNAN AWARD**

*In Recognition of Exemplary Volunteer and Community Contributions*

### Background

Katharine McLennan was well-known across Cape Breton Island for her dedication and work towards many causes which supported community and the preservation of history. Throughout her life she was an active member of the Red Cross, Girl Guides, Old Sydney Society, Cape Breton Regional Library Board and the Victoria Order of Nurses. Ms. McLennan, along with her father, Senator J.S. McLennan, strongly advocated for the designation of Fortress Louisbourg as a National Historic Site, and conducted many years of research towards the eventual partial reconstruction of the Fortress site. Ms. McLennan was named Honorary Curator of the Fortress Louisbourg Museum in 1936, in recognition of her many contributions to the establishment of the Museum.

Katharine McLennan exemplifies volunteerism. Dedicated and hard-working, Katharine believed in the ability of individuals to make a difference in their community. She gave freely of her time to improve and aid the community in many different ways. In addition to her volunteer service, Katherine was an accomplished artist, using painting and photography to capture current events.

The *Katharine McLennan Award* was established in 2013 to recognize the exceptional contributions of an individual who has, through community, life, and volunteer work, made a significant and lasting difference in the area(s) of arts, culture or historical preservation of Cape Breton Island. This award will be presented to an individual who has exhibited leadership, integrity, social responsibility and a willingness to serve community throughout their life.

### Eligibility

Nominees must be an individual.

To be eligible to receive this award, an individual must have made a lasting contribution in the area(s) of art, culture, or history, through their community, life, and volunteer work, to Cape Breton Island. While the individual's current place of residence need not be Cape Breton Island, he/she must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident whose contributions have had a significant impact to Cape Breton.

Nominees must have worked or volunteered for 15 years or more.

Political and public advocacy work will be excluded from the selection criteria.

The Award will not be given posthumously, except in the case that the nomination was received while the individual was living.

## Nomination

Nominations must be made in hard copy or electronically. Nominations must include a copy of the below nomination form, and be received on or before June 30.

Nominations must include:

- A minimum of two letters of support, other than the nominator
- Summary and description of Volunteer Work
- Nominations must clearly detail how the work and commitments of the nominee have made a lasting difference in the community
- Nominee's contact information
- Contact information for nominator(s)
- Any other information, such as media stories, etc., which may be helpful to the selection committee. Please note materials will not be returned.

## Recognition

The *Katharine McLennan Award* will be awarded every September. The recipient's name will be engraved on a plaque placed in the McLennan Centre at the Fortress Louisbourg National Historic Site.

The recipient will receive access to the Fortress Louisbourg site for a fundraising event to benefit the organization of their choice as well as well a National Parks Discovery Pass (Family). The fundraising event must be held within the calendar year and in consultation with Parks Canada / Fortress Louisbourg Association.

The Award will be presented at a ceremony held at the Fortress of Louisbourg site.

The name of the Award recipient will be included on the *Through Her Eyes: Katharine McLennan* website.

## Assessment and Criteria

The nominations for the *Katharine McLennan Award* will be reviewed by a committee comprised of:

- Fortress Louisbourg National Historic Site (1 representative)
- Fortress Louisbourg Association (1 representative)
- Cape Breton Regional Library (2 representatives)
- Beaton Institute (2 representatives)

Each nomination will be reviewed to ensure that the nominee is eligible for consideration.

Nominations will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Achievements and lasting impact of the nominees' volunteer work
- Leadership in support of community initiatives
- Positive influence - How the nominees' work has welcomed, inspired and encouraged others to volunteer
- Community reach – how the community or individuals have benefitted by work of the individual

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**Nomination Form**

<b>Nominee Contact Information</b>	
Nominee's Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Telephone:	
<b>Nominator's Contact Information</b>	
Nominator's Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Telephone:	
<b>Nomination Information</b>	
How long have you known the nominee?	
Are you willing to be the recognized nominator?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (then who) _____
In what capacity do you know the nominee? (attach if additional space required)	
Nominator Signature:	Date:

Complete submission must include:

- Completed nomination form
- Summary and description of nominees volunteer and community work (max 5 pages)
- A minimum of 2 letters of support
- Additional materials in support of the nomination (optional)

Forward complete nomination package to:

Mail: Katharine McLennan Award  
c/o Beaton Institute  
P.O. Box 5300 1250 Grand Lake Road  
Sydney NS B1P 6L2

Email: [beaton@cbu.ca](mailto:beaton@cbu.ca)

Fax: 902 562-8899

Submission deadline: June 30th