

The Harry J. Banker Gold Leaf Award

Provides an opportunity for ISA Chapters to recognize individuals, organizations and municipalities at a local or regional level. The award is intended to recognize outstanding Arbor Day activities or for outstanding landscape beautification activities as submitted by an ISA Chapter.

Note: This award can only be awarded once every 6 years to any recipient.

Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Contact Information:

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Person or Organization/Municipality nominated

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Contact person where the nominee is an organization/municipality

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Criteria

1. Is a municipality, individual or organization operating at a local or regional level.

Anyone or any organization can be nominated, except not the Provincial or Federal government or an agency thereof as they are not “municipal” and are not at a “local” or “regional” level.

By “local” is meant at a municipal level/scale or less. For example, a neighbourhood street or park could be considered “local” as could an entire town or City.

By “regional” is meant a defined area that includes more than one municipality but is not provincial or federal in scope.

2. Outstanding Arbor Day activities or for outstanding landscape beautification activities

By “activities” is meant that the award is not given for a single event or project; rather the nominee must have operated over a number of years – at least three.

However, the award may be given for a single project that is sustained/maintained over a three-year period. As well, it can be awarded for successive projects over a three-year (or greater) period.

By “Arbor Day activity” is meant any project involving tree planting or care occurring under the name of, or during Ontario Arbour Day or Ontario Arbour Week. It should occur during or around this period but it is not mandatory that it occur precisely on Arbour Day or during Arbour Week.

By “outstanding” is meant “standing out from or obviously superior than others.” In other words, of superior quality and value.

By “landscape beautification activity” is meant any landscaping project and maintenance that is remarkable for its enhancement of the visual quality of the environment. By “beautification” is meant pleasing to the eye and sense of beauty. The test here is that it will have been acknowledged through public/community/expert consensus as being “beautiful.” (Other ISAO awards acknowledge innovation which may stretch the public’s aesthetic sensibilities and therefore not reach general consensus on being “beautiful.”)

The nomination must describe either the arbour day/week activities or the landscape beautification activity over at least a three-year period. Digital photographs must accompany the nomination.

The nomination must describe through words and endorsements (see below) and digital images that the project is “outstanding.”

The project must be described, including the time frame in which it was implemented. Projects are only qualified after their three-year mark has passed. In the case of successive arbour day events or a landscape project implemented over a number of years, each year of the project should be described, along with digital images. The description and digital images must demonstrate that the Arbor Day/Week project is “outstanding” or that the landscape project is “outstanding” and “beautiful.”

Endorsements by others may and should be submitted as additional evidence of the worthiness of the project. A diversity of endorsements, including, but not limited to local community contacts (residents, businesses, public institution representatives, elected officials) and that of accepted experts (landscape architects; arborists, environmental experts, etc.) will strengthen applications.

Note: This award can only be given once for any given project. However, an individual, municipality or organization can be nominated and receive the award for a different project than the one for which they were initially awarded. In practice, the same person, municipality or organization will only be considered once every 6 years for this award.

Where sufficient details are not provided and/or clarification of the nomination would be helpful, the ISAO Awards Committee may contact the nominator for further information.