

OHA SERVICE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Horticultural Societies can render service for many years only because unselfish members give freely of their time and effort. The Ontario Horticultural Association, believing such members should receive some recognition, makes available to member societies Service Certificates that may be awarded each year as follows:

ONE Certificate by a Society with a membership of 200 members or less OR

TWO Certificates by a Society with a membership of more than 200.

Note: *Member societies* are those, which have paid their Association dues.

It should be clearly understood that these Certificates are not to be given for competitive work and rarely to an elected officer. It is not necessary that a Certificate be awarded each year. Recipients should be selected carefully so that the value of the award may be maintained.

Any member of a horticultural society who meets the following requirements is eligible for a Service Certificate:

1. Has been an active member in a horticultural society for ten or more years.
2. Has served on society committees, contributing time or effort to civic improvements and beautification of public planting projects.
3. Has encouraged membership in a society by participating in drives or canvassing for new members.
4. Has strived to give inspiration and leadership to any horticultural effort by other community groups, or to an individual.
5. Has shown, by involvement, sincere interest in the objectives of a horticultural society.

Presentation of a certificate before the required period of 10 years' membership can be made only in case of severe illness or a change of residence to another locality or district.

PROCEDURE

- A. The Horticultural Society's Board shall complete and forward a recommendation for a Service Certificate on the form provided, to their District Director. Should the recipient of the Certificate be one of the signing officers of the form then a vice-president or other officer should sign.
- B. The District Director shall make any investigation considered necessary and, when satisfied, shall approve the recommendation and forward it to the Awards Coordinator.
- C. The Awards Coordinator shall prepare a certificate with the name of the Horticultural Society making the award, the name of the recipient, affix the seal of the Association and forward the completed certificate to the Secretary of the society who shall arrange for its signing by the society officers and its presentation at a society meeting.
- D. Allow 6 to 8 weeks for preparation and delivery of the Certificate.

See Awards booklet for additional information

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