

Minister Responsible for the
Status of Women



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Advisory Committee on Women's
Studies
Department of Physical
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Dear Members:

I am pleased to invite you to submit the names of one or more nominees for the 1987 Persons Awards.

The Persons Awards were established in 1979 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Persons Case. On October 18, 1929, Canadian women were granted the constitutional status of 'persons' and thus became eligible for appointment to the Senate. This victory was achieved through the efforts of five now famous women activists from Alberta - Emily Murphy, Louise McKinney, Nellie McClung, Irene Parlby and Henrietta Muir Edwards - who signed a petition demanding that the British North America Act be amended to give women status as 'persons'.

The Persons Award is given in recognition of outstanding social, economic or legal contributions made by Canadians toward improving the status of women. An engraved medal representing the five Albertan women named above is presented to each recipient at a ceremony held every fall in Ottawa.

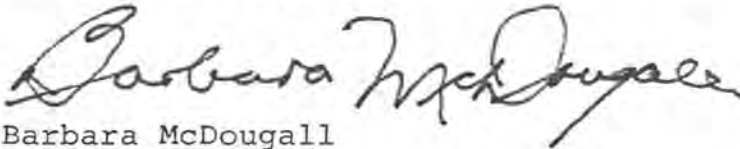
Selection criteria and nomination instructions for the Persons Awards are attached. All documents are to be submitted to Status of Women Canada by April 15, 1987. A national selection committee will examine all nominations and choose the recipients.

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Since this award was created, the nominations submitted by organizations and individuals have revealed the diversity of talents of women who have worked toward advancing the status of women. Forty-four women have been honoured with the award since 1979. Recipients in 1986 were: Elizabeth Carr of Don Mills, Ontario; the Honourable Muriel McQueen Fergusson of Fredericton, New Brunswick; Denyse B. Rochon of Montpelier, Quebec; Berenice Sisler of Winnipeg, Manitoba; and Helen Yeo of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

I look forward to your continued cooperation in submitting names of people from your region or your organization who have devoted time, talent and energy to improving the status of women.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara McDougall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Barbara McDougall

Enclosures

CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1987 PERSONS AWARDS

CRITERIA

1. Candidates for this award must be Canadian citizens.
2. Candidates must have worked much of their lives to improve the status of women, and not necessarily have been recognized for their accomplishments.
3. Candidates must have actively given of their time, talent and energy in working for changes in the social, economic and/or legal status of women.
4. Candidates must have undertaken activities on behalf of women on a mostly volunteer basis.
5. Candidates must be past mid-career -- 60 years of age and over.

N.B. Groups are not acknowledged as candidates.
There are no posthumous awards.

The following are not eligible: Senators, Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Legislatures and Territorial Councils, and Judges.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominations should be typed and sent no later than April 15, 1987, using the attached form. The following guidelines will help you to provide the kind of information needed in order to facilitate the selection process:

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Part I - General Information

It is important to fill out this section completely, including the date of birth, as well as to indicate if honours and decorations have been previously received.

Part II - Involvement in Status of Women Activities

For candidates who have worked on behalf of women through groups and organizations, indicate for each activity the following information:

- the precise function and role of the candidate within the group or organization, so as to indicate the level of responsibility and leadership assumed; and
- the time spent within the group or organization.

Also indicate if the candidate has taken on responsibilities in the following areas:

- public education and information (i.e. seminars, public speaking, publications etc.);
- advocacy and lobbying for groups and services; and
- monitoring and critical evaluation of existing services and legislation.

Use additional sheets if necessary.

Part III - Reasons for Nomination

Identify the improvements to the status of women which the candidate has advocated. Give evidence of the effectiveness of the action taken. Indicate the innovative quality of the candidate's achievements, and the nature of the obstacles which had to be overcome.

Use additional sheets if necessary.

Attach to the nomination sheets a concise curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages) of the candidate which specifies such information as education, training, occupation and work experience. Select information which may throw light on the candidate's activities on status of women issues.

SELECTION

A national selection committee considers each nomination submitted in making the annual selection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, contact Lisa Lavoie, Status of Women Canada, 613-995-3783.

1987 PERSONS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Part I - General Information

(Name of the candidate) (Date of birth)

(Address)

(City/Town) (Province) (Postal Code)

(Area Code) (Telephone)

(Honours and decorations previously received)

Nominated by:

(Name of organization and contact person/Name of individual sponsor)

(Address) (City/Town) (Province) (Postal Code)

(Area Code) (Telephone-Business) (Residence)

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Part II - Involvement in Status of Women Activities

Part II - Involvement in Status of Women Activities (continued)

Part III - Reasons for Nomination

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

ATTACH BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE TO THIS FORM

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: Status of Women Canada
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