



Criteria and Selection Process for the

STITTSVILLE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Selection Criteria

The purpose of this award is to encourage leadership in civic involvement among young Canadians who may further their contribution to the common good in their adult lives.

The award will honour a student in the current Grade 12 graduating class who meets the following criteria:

- ❖ a student at one of the three local high schools at which most Stittsville students are enrolled: Sacred Heart Catholic High School, South Carleton High School or Frederick Banting Alternate Program.
- ❖ a demonstrated leadership ability
- ❖ personal integrity
- ❖ vision
- ❖ passion for his/her convictions
- ❖ ability to communicate effectively

All of the above shall be demonstrated for the benefit of the community.

Examples of civic leadership appropriate to this award:

- ❖ organizing student/community awareness or fund-raising initiatives such as aid for national or international humanitarian assistance
- ❖ organizing and coordinating students to support community activities, such as environmental clean-ups, awareness campaigns and fund raisers
- ❖ working on a political campaign within the school or the community at any electoral level
- ❖ establishing, or making a significant contribution to, programmes encouraging civic and community awareness among fellow students or residents of the community
- ❖ representing the interests and issues of the student body before the school administration
- ❖ representing young people of the community on the City of Ottawa Youth Council (or other appropriate government or non-government agencies such as a School Board or public advisory committee).

Selection Process

Application forms provided by the SVA for interested students will be circulated by the three high schools and be posted on the SVA website. Completed applications will be mailed directly to the SVA.

As part of the application, students will provide three references, one from each of: a school faculty member, a community contact and a work contact (paid or unpaid).

An SVA Selection Committee will review all applications and up to three finalists from each school will be selected and invited to an interview.

The SVA will confirm with each school by **January 15** each year that it intends to sponsor the award. Application forms will be provided to the schools by **March 15** and when completed, they will be accepted by the SVA up to **April 30**. All three schools will be notified of the award recipients by **June 1st**.

The SVA may withhold the award at any of the schools if there is not a suitably qualified candidate in any one year.

Presentation

The SVA President will make a presentation to each of the three winners at his/her Grade 12 graduating ceremony.

Each award winner will receive a plaque and a cheque for \$200.