



2026 PROVINCIAL HONOURS & AWARDS

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN
ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

OACETT invites individuals and employers to submit nominations for the Association awards listed on the following pages. To be considered for award recognition completed electronic nomination forms must be submitted no later than the date stated on the OACETT website.

All nominators are required to review this awards booklet for a list of the award categories and eligibility criteria before nominating deserving candidates.

Award nominations close on November 30, 2025

Once completed, please click the award option you would like to nominate for in order to complete the online registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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For additional information, please visit:
www.oacett.org/about-us/honours-and-awards

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1. HIGHEST ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION

1.1 LIFE MEMBERSHIP (MEMBERS)

The award is granted to a member who has served the Association for many years in an exceptional manner. This is the highest honour that the Association can accord a member. Life Membership permits the member to retain his or her title of certification for life without the further payment of annual membership dues.

1.2 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (NON-MEMBERS)

The award is granted to a non-member who has made a significant contribution to the building of the Association, to the fulfilment of its objectives, or to the development of the profession of engineering/applied science technology.

This is the highest honour that the Association can accord a non-member. Honorary membership entitles the honouree to enjoy the general benefits of membership without paying annual membership dues. It does not permit the honouree to hold him or herself out as being a practising certified technician or certified engineering technologist.

2. CAREER EXCELLENCE

2.1 OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (MEMBERS, GROUPS)

The award is granted to an individual (member), business firm, crown corporation, government agency, association, research, and development agency, educational institution, or individual entrepreneur to recognize outstanding technical achievement in engineering/applied science technology. The basis for granting the award could be a single exceptional accomplishment or a long record of continuing excellence. It must be worthy of the designation 'outstanding' in its contribution to technology in Canada.

Technological activities for which this award could be given might include:

- Development and implementation of a new product, process, or technique.
- Design and/or construction of significant or unique structures.
- An innovative technical solution to environmental, social, or community problems.
- Research leading to applications of new knowledge.
- Exceptional encouragement of individual technical enterprise.

2. CAREER EXCELLENCE [cont.]

2.2 GEORGE BURWASH LANGFORD MEMORIAL AWARD (MEMBERS)

This award is named to honour and perpetuate the name of George Burwash Langford, the founding chairman of the Certification Board for Engineering Technicians and Technologists. This Award recognizes the spirit of Dr. Langford's mission and his leadership in making a place for technologists and technicians in the engineering spectrum.

The award is to be granted to a member who has distinguished themselves in their career and thereby brought recognition and credit to the profession of engineering/applied science technology.

It recognizes excellence in professional life, be it purely technical or in non-technical careers such as management, teaching, administration, or other related work. It is not for work on Association-related bodies, boards, or committees. Some assessment considerations for which the award could be given might include:

- Specific work accomplishments.
- Length of service with an employer as well as in the profession.
- Multiple professional-entrepreneurial successes.
- Career path improvements – public profile.
- Published papers, articles, etc.
- Corporate recognition, level of responsibility, etc.
- Peer recognition.
- Contributions to technical societies, standard organisations.

2.3 THOMAS WILLIAM HOPSON MEMORIAL MEDAL (MEMBERS)

The Thomas William Hopson Memorial Medal was created to grant honour to a member of the Association for distinguished and humanitarian service that was made through the application of Engineering Technology. Bill Hopson was a member of the Association for many years. He voluntarily worked to develop devices to aid the physically handicapped. He was awarded the OACETT Merit Award in 1974 and continued his work despite the stress that is placed on his own health, until his death in 1976. It is considered that within the circles that Bill Hopson worked, the engineering technicians and technologists were better recognized because of his humane and professional attributes. The establishment of this award bearing Bill Hopson's name sets a high standard against which we can measure our own individual contributions to the betterment of our fellow human beings.

The award (medal) is granted to a member to recognize work of a technological nature that is directed towards the service and betterment of humanity. It must be worthy of the accolade "for distinguished service to humanity through the application of engineering technology". It is not for service to the Association, or for general technical work, or for non-technical community service. The work being recognized can be completed on a paid or voluntary basis, as well as singularly or in concert with others. Recognition of the work within the wider community is a major factor in assessing the nominee's contribution.

2. CAREER EXCELLENCE [cont.]

2.4 OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

The award is granted to a member or non-member who has made a significant contribution to the training and education of engineering/applied science technicians and technologists.

It recognizes a sustained record of teaching excellence over many years, and not for one specific year or singular accomplishment.

2.5 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

The award is granted to a young professional member or non-member, 35 years of age or younger at the time of nomination, who has made a positive contribution to the science and technology profession. The basis for granting the award could be a single exceptional accomplishment or a record of continuing excellence. It should relate to a contribution to the profession of science and technology in Canada.

Activities for which this award may be given include:

- Development and implementation of a new product, process, or technique.
- Design and/or construction of significant or unique structures.
- An innovative technical solution to environmental, social, or community problems.
- Research leading to applications of new knowledge.
- Specific work accomplishments.
- Professional-entrepreneurial successes.
- Career path improvements – public profile.
- Published papers, articles, etc.
- Corporate recognition, level of responsibility, etc.
- Peer recognition.
- Contributions to technical societies, standard organizations.

3. MERITORIOUS SERVICE

3.1 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

This award is granted to a member or non-member who has distinguished themselves in the service of the Association on a voluntary, salaried, or elected basis.

While the award may be granted to recognize a singular accomplishment for the betterment of the Association, it is generally awarded to recognize sustained exceptional service over a period of time.

3. MERITORIOUS SERVICE [cont.]

3.2 BLAKE H. GOODINGS MEMORIAL AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

This award is named to honour and perpetuate the memory of Blake H. Goodings, P.Eng., C.E.T. It recognizes that the most enduring legacy of Blake's enormous contribution to the OACETT is the certification program in all its dimensions.

The award is granted to a member or non-member who has:

- a) Rendered long and distinguished service to the registration activities of the Association, or
- b) In the wider community, made a significant and definable contribution that impacts upon and benefits the Association's registration, accreditation or certification process.

- Individual services to the registration activities of the Association;
- Scope of activities and participation in multiple facets of the registration process;
- Participation in significant projects;
- Development of strategies and policies;
- Development of innovative procedures;
- Training of volunteers;
- Development of syllabi, examinations, and study guides;
- Specific achievements cited in the nomination.

3.3 OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (MEMBERS)

This award is granted to a member to recognize outstanding voluntary service within the wider community. While the service performed does not necessarily have to be of a technology-related nature, his or her professional status/occupation as a technician or technologist is still publicly recognized, thereby bringing added admiration and respect to the profession.

Recognition of past service or outstanding accomplishments by an organization, or in the wider community in general, would be a major factor in assessing the nominee's contribution. Length of volunteer service in itself would not qualify for the award.

3.4 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

The award is granted to deserving students (members and non-members) enrolled in the second or third year of an engineering technology or applied science diploma or degree program at one of the Ontario community colleges at the time of nomination, who have demonstrated one or more of the following:

1. Outstanding volunteerism in the engineering technology and applied science fields.
 - This includes volunteering with firms, on college or university research projects, with OACETT at either the OACETT proper or chapter level, etc.
 - Recognition of service and accomplishments would be a factor in assessing the nominee's contribution. Length of service would not qualify for the award.

3.4 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD [cont.]

2. Outstanding volunteerism within the wider community.
 - This includes volunteering within the wider community. This is not technology-related in nature.
 - Recognition of service and accomplishments would be a factor in assessing the nominee's contribution. Length of service would not qualify for the award.
3. Dedication to the mentorship of peers in either a learning or volunteer environment
 - Mentorship can be demonstrated in either a community or professional volunteer environment or scholastic environment.
 - The student could have acted as a mentor one-on-one or in a group setting; in order to share wisdom, insight, and skills.

4. EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE

4.1 PUBLICATIONS AWARD (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS)

The award is granted to an individual to recognize their authorship of an outstanding feature-length article, paper, or work published during the relevant year. Whether published by the Association itself or by another public communications medium, the work could have been completed singularly or in concert with others.

The award is intended to recognize members' accomplishments; however, consideration will also be given to work completed by a group that includes a member. This award is confined to technologically related material that is considered deserving of recognition by the Association.

