

Awards and Honours

(By-law No. GB-2023-04)

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A by-law of the Rideau Students' Union respecting the need for awards and honours to recognize the merit and efforts of union and community members.

Enacted by the Rideau Students' Union general membership at its meeting of April 11th, 2023.

The Executive of the Rideau Students' Union enacts as follows:

Part I - Definitions

Section 1

In this by-law,

“Award” is defined as a tribute, compensation, or recognition given to distinguish certain activities, behaviour, and efforts exercised; (prix)

“Honour” and **“Title”** is defined as a symbolic name given to distinguish certain activities, behaviour, and efforts exercised; (honneur)

“Union” is defined as the Rideau Students' Union; (union)

Part II - Interpretation

Section 2

Except as otherwise indicated, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this by-law and a provision of another by-law or administrative instrument, the more restrictive provisions shall prevail.

Part III - Awards

Section 3 - Rideau Honour

The Rideau Honour is a union-issued award, which should be awarded to a current or previous union-member, or an individual viewed as a partner to the union. The union cannot be awarded to an individual who holds office in a union leadership role or who has announced or showed interest in candidacy for a union leadership role at the time of its presentation.

Only one Rideau Honour is to be awarded for each year. It may be awarded for previous active union years, if the award was not presented then.

The Board of Directors is to organize amongst themselves, a method to determine the recipient of the award, and is to remain unbiased wherever possible in selecting a recipient. They are to follow the criteria of selecting a recipient who has “shown dedication to addressing societal and/or communal issues, and making strong positive change”, and who “shows resilience in the face of hardship”.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to repeal the award from a recipient at any time and for any reason, given unanimous approval.

Part IV - Honours and Titles

Section 4 - Emeritus

The title of “President Emeritus” and the title of “Director Emeritus” may be awarded to any previously serving co-president/president or board director, respectively, who does not currently hold leadership in the union, regardless of union membership, by the currently serving Board of Directors.

The approval of the awarded title requires a unanimous approval by the Board of Directors. The repeal of a title to an individual requires a simple majority approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserves the right to repeal the title from a recipient at any time and for any reason.

Presidents emeritus and directors emeritus may possess the special right to observe leadership interactions or meetings, given majority agreement by the currently serving leadership.