



British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

Award Selection Criteria

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This document identifies selection criteria for two awards—Hall of Fame and Best Anglo-Celtic Roots Article by a member.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame, BIFHSGO's longest running award, honours members for their contributions to the Society, family history research and genealogy. One Hall of Fame nominee (individual or team) will be inducted per year and the nominee will have recently contributed to the goals of BIFHSGO. Winners [PDF] have reflected a wide range of contributions.

Nominations to the Hall of Fame are accepted annually, and the nominee is inducted at BIFHSGO's Annual General Meeting in June. Current members of the Board are not eligible for nomination.

Criteria include:

The advancement of BIFHSGO objectives ([vision, mission and values](#))

The advancement of BIFHSGO projects or activities; e.g., publishing, educational programs

Outstanding service to the Society over a period of time

The advancement of genealogy and family history in general

Each January, members are invited to nominate a candidate for consideration by the Board. The nomination period ends 30 April. For more information, please contact secretary@bifhsgo.ca

Best Anglo-Celtic Roots Article

Eligible articles are those published in the calendar year and written by members of BIFHSGO. These include the soldier's biographies written originally for the No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station (CCCS) database.

Criteria include:

- Interest and impact of the topic (30%)
- Quality of the language: freshness, originality (30%)
- Organization/presentation of thought (25%)
- Use of varied sources and care taken with facts (15%)

These categories were chosen to reflect what are generally considered the major aspects of good writing, bearing in mind that the articles have already been copyedited and are considered to support the BIFHSGO mandate.

Each judge assesses every article giving a point score to each component listed above. The scores are then totalled to arrive at three top choices, eliminating any ties that may have occurred through reassessment. The editor assigns 3 points for every first place, 2 points for every second place and 1 point for every third place. The totals of those points for each article determine the winner.

For more information, please contact the ACR editor at acreditor@bifhsgo.ca.