

Established in 1957, The Red Jacket Award is presented by The Buffalo History Museum in recognition of “quiet, continued, unbroken devotion to our civic progress and needs by one who, through such devotion, has thereby enlarged our awareness of our heritage in order that it may be built upon for the enrichment of our future.”

The award is named after the renowned orator and Seneca leader, Sagoyewatha, or Red Jacket. In 1792, President George Washington presented Red Jacket with the medal after which our award is modeled. The Red Jacket Medal is one of the most treasured items in our collection and is exhibited in the John R. Oishei Native American Gallery. Nearly seven inches tall, the medal bears symbolic imagery of peaceful coexistence between United States and Native Americans.

The tradition of The Red Jacket Award is inspired by the imperative to continue to acknowledge those who, with steady service, strive to support the connections in our region with our heritage.

Nominations must be submitted online and are due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020. [Click here](#) to nominate. Nominees are not to be told they are under consideration.

The following should guide you in your nominations:

- Emphasis should be placed on recognition of a continuum of quiet, unbroken devotion to our civic progress that enlarges awareness of our heritage and enriches our community.
- Through community leadership, the nominee makes a positive impact to our social well-being, or history is created.
- The award may be given for civic achievement and service in any category.
- Though elected officials may be considered, the award may only be given when the recipient no longer holds elected public office.
- Board members of The Buffalo History Museum will be considered when his/her term of service ends.
- Special consideration and emphasis should be placed on community service and civic contributions outside of the candidate’s professional career.

If you have any questions on the online nomination tool or process, please contact Kimberly Luangpakdy, director of advancement, at (716) 873-9644 ext. 322 or at kluangpakdy@buffalohistory.org.

Red Jacket Award Recipients

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| 2019 Ruth D. Bryant
Catherine F. Schweitzer | 1994 Max B.E. Clarkson
William M.E. Clarkson |
| 2018 Holly Augspurgen Donaldson
Jonathan L. White | 1993 Jesse E. Nash, Jr.
Mary Kent-Prentice |
| 2017 Eva M. Doyle | 1992 Robert J. Kresse
Robert L. Wilson |
| 2016 John & Carol Kociela
Stanford Lipsey | 1991 Edward F. Walsh
John N. Walsh, Jr. |
| 2015 Burton Notarius (posthumously)
Eugene Vukelic | 1990 Paul A. Schoellkopf, Jr.
Margaret G. Swift |
| 2014 Mary Ann Kresse | 1989 Robert D. Fernbach, Sr. |
| 2013 James L. Magavern, Esq.
Edward F. Walsh, Jr. | 1988 Robert E. Rich, Sr. |
| 2012 Clement & Karen Arrison
Thomas R. Beecher, Jr. | 1987 John W. Koessler
Paul J. Koessler, Sr. |
| 2011 Cindy Abbott Letro
John N. Walsh, III | 1986 Seymour Knox III
Northrup Knox |
| 2010 Christopher T. Greene
Finley R. Greene (posthumously)
Wayne D. Wisbaum | 1985 Father James Demske |
| 2009 Dr. V. Roger Lalli
Maryann Saccomando Freedman | 1984 Cecilia Evans Taylor |
| 2008 JoAnn Falletta
Edwin T. Bean, Jr. | 1983 Manly Fleischmann |
| 2007 Hon. George K. Arthur
Herbert Hauptman, Ph.D. | 1982 Ralph Loew |
| 2006 Richard C. Marcus | 1981 Peter G. Economou |
| 2005 Hon. John T. Curtin
Sister Denise Roche
James M. Wadsworth | 1980 Frank G. Evans & Lydia T. Wright |
| 2004 Arnold B. Gardner
Justice Ann T. Mikoll
Richard & Karen Penfold | 1979 Elisabeth L. Petri |
| 2003 William R. Greiner
Hon. John J. LaFalce
J. Warren Perry | 1978 Robert B. Adam |
| 2002 Robert J.A. Irwin
Frank B. Messiah | 1977 Mason O. Damon |
| 2001 Sue S. Gardner
Kevin P. Gaughan | 1976 Katherine & Franz T. Stone |
| 1999 Calvin Rand
Charles Rand Penney | 1975 William C. Baird |
| 1998 D. Bruce & Gail Johnstone | 1974 Julia B. Reinstein |
| 1997 William G. Gisell | 1973 Frank A. Sedita |
| 1996 Joan Bozer | 1972 Charles H. Diefendorf |
| 1995 David W. Rumsey
Robert G. Wilmers | 1971 Edwin F. Jaeckle |
| | 1970 Harold L. Olmsted |
| | 1969 Charles Desmond
Owen B. Augspurgen |
| | 1968 Julius W. Pratt |
| | 1967 George F. Phillips |
| | 1966 Alfred Kirchhofer |
| | 1965 Fenton M. Parke |
| | 1964 Dr. Clayton W. Green |
| | 1963 Julian Park |
| | 1962 George Forman Goodyear
Seymour Knox II |
| | 1961 Jane Keeler |
| | 1960 Welles V. Moot |
| | 1959 Hon. John Lord O'Brian |
| | 1958 Charles Burchfield |
| | 1957 Roy E. Nagle |

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