

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, March 9, 2018. [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 development, at (716) 873-9644 ext. 322 or at [kluangpakdy@buffalohistory.org](mailto:kluangpakdy@buffalohistory.org).

## Previous Red Jacket Award Recipients

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