

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.

[Click here](#) to nominate. Nominees are not to be told they are under consideration. Please note: the nomination software does not permit you to save and return to edit your nomination later. You may find it beneficial to work on your application in a separate document and upload your responses at once.

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.

Nominations are due by 11:59pm on Friday, February 28, 2025.

If you have any questions on the online tool or nominations process, please contact Katie McIntyre, Director of Advancement, kmcintyre@buffalohistory.org, 716.873.9644, ext. 344

Nominee Contact Information

Nominee Name

Nominee Occupation/Job title
Company
Nominee Address
Nominee City/Town
Nominee State/Province
Nominee ZIP/Postal Code
Nominee Email
Nominee Phone Number

1. Years you've known nominee
2. Your relationship to the nominee (i.e. professional colleague, volunteer colleague, friend- be specific).
3. Please list civic organizations (ie, cultural, education/youth, health care, community development) that the nominee has been involved with on a volunteer level. List the nominee's role and year(s) served to the best of your knowledge.
4. Beyond financial contributions, please provide examples of the candidate's demonstrated positive impact to our social well being or historic legacy. How has the nominee exhibited traits of a social philanthropist?
5. Optional: In your own words, why is the nominee worthy of this award?

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RED JACKET AWARD RECIPIENTS

2024
Scott and Kathy Bieler
2023

Alfred Price (posthumously) Mary Wilson
2022
Shelley Drake

Casimiro Rodriguez	2006
2021	Richard C. Marcus
Clifford Bell	2005
2020	Hon. John T. Curtin
Jake & Katie Schneider	Sister Denise Roche
2019	James M. Wadsworth
Ruth D. Bryant	2004
Catherine F. Schweitzer	Arnold B. Gardner
2018	Justice Ann T. Mikoll
Holly Augspurger Donaldson	Richard & Karen Penfold
Jonathan L. White	2003
2017	William R. Greiner
Eva M. Doyle	Hon. John J. LaFalce
2016	J. Warren Perry
John & Carol Kociela	2002
Stanford Lipsey	Robert J.A. Irwin
2015	Frank B. Mesiah
Burton Notarius (posthumously)	2001
Eugene Vukelic	Sue S. Gardner
2014	Kevin P. Gaughan
Mary Ann Kresse	1999
2013	Calvin Rand
James L. Magavern, Esq.	Charles Rand Penney
Edward F. Walsh, Jr.	
2012	
Clement & Karen Arrison	
Thomas R. Beecher, Jr.	1998
2011	D. Bruce & Gail Johnstone
Cindy Abbott Letro	1997
John N. Walsh, III	William G. Gisell
	1996
	Joan Bozer
	1995
2010	David W. Rumsey
Christopher T. Greene	Robert G. Wilmers
Finley R. Greene (posthumously)	1994
Wayne D. Wisbaum	Max B.E. Clarkson
2009	William M.E. Clarkson
Dr. V. Roger Lalli	1993
Maryann Saccomando Freedman	Jesse E. Nash, Jr.
2008	Mary Kent-Prentice
JoAnn Falletta	1992
Edwin T. Bean, Jr.	Robert J. Kresse
2007	Robert L. Wilson
Hon. George K. Arthur	1991
Herbert Hauptman, Ph.D.	Edward F. Walsh

John N. Walsh, Jr. 1990	1969 Charles Desmond
Paul A. Schoellkopf, Jr. Margaret G. Swift 1989	Owen B. Augspurgen 1968 Julius W. Pratt
Robert D. Fernbach, Sr. 1988	1967 George F. Phillips
Robert E. Rich, Sr. 1987	1966 Alfred Kirchhofer
John W. Koessler Paul J. Koessler, Sr. 1986	1965 Fenton M. Parke
Seymour Knox III Northrup Knox 1985	1964 Dr. Clayton W. Green
Father James Demske 1984 Cecilia Evans Taylor 1983	1963 Julian Park
Manly Fleischmann 1982	
Ralph Loew 1981	1962 George Forman Goodyear
Peter G. Economou 1980	Seymour Knox II 1961
Frank G. Evans & Lydia T. Wright 1979	Jane Keeler 1960
Elisabeth L. Petri 1978	Welles V. Moot 1959
Robert B. Adam 1977	Hon. John Lord O'Brian 1958
Mason O. Damon 1976	Charles Burchfield 1957
Katherine & Franz T. Stone 1975	Roy E. Nagle
William C. Baird 1974	
Julia B. Reinstein 1973	
Frank A. Sedita 1972	
Charles H. Diefendorf 1971	
Edwin F. Jaeckle 1970	
Harold L. Olmsted	