THE LEN & IDA PATTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

The 18th Annual Len & Ida Patterson Memorial Award will be presented at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Convention in February 2027. Since the recipient's name will not be announced to the public, until the OAAS Convention, we ask that the nominator only share the news with the winner and the **results be kept in confidence** until the presentation in February.

The deserving winner will receive a plaque and a monetary award from

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Leonard Patterson worked with the Nother family (Encore Promotional Products and Nother Awards) for several years, making many contacts and friends at Ontario fairs. He volunteered and worked diligently on the Board of Mount Forest Fair, as well as for District #10, where he served as their Director on the OAAS board and was elected OAAS President in 1986.

This award is presented annually to a Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary-Treasurer, dedicated Fair volunteer or an individual who has worked at the District Level. The candidate must have served for at least ten years, showing extraordinary dedication and innovative leadership.

Deadline: December 31, 2026

Please send your nomination to:
OAAS Past Presidents' Association
C/O Bev Fry, 270 Sideroad 30
Ripley, Ontario N0G 2R0 Phone: 519-440-8337
Email: bjfry@hurontel.on.ca

If you have any questions about the nomination procedure contact Bev Fry.
There is no special nomination form but guidelines are included.
Please submit in writing, explaining in detail why you feel your candidate is deserving of this honour.
If previously nominated, please re-apply with an updated profile.

Guidelines for the 2027 Len & Ida Patterson Memorial Award

Name of Nominating organization / person:
Contact's Phone/E-mail:
Name of Nominee (person you want to nominate for the award):
Nominee's Phone/Email:

Nominators are encouraged to submit an outline explaining why this person should be recognized as an extraordinary volunteer with their local Agricultural Society / Ontario Fair / OAAS.

The following guidelines are provided to help the committee make its final selection:

- Shows extraordinary dedication & innovative leadership
- Provides inspiration and motivation to others
- Recognized as a positive role model through example, mentoring and education
- Consistently displays leadership qualities
- Promotes and supports the Ontario Fair industry
- Demonstrates vision, innovation or creativity
- Advocates positive changes

How does the Nominee provide inspiration and motivation to others?

How has the Nominee been a positive role model through example, mentoring and education?

How does the Nominee consistently display leadership qualities?

How does the Nominee promote and support Agricultural Fairs, improved opportunities and choices in the community?

How does the Nominee demonstrate vision, innovation or creativity?

How has the Nominee demonstrated that he /she advocates for positive changes in the Ontario Fair industry?