

IRENE MACDONALD MEMORIAL FUND AWARD



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Irene MacDonald Memorial Fund award is to give financial aid to BC Diving athletes to help them pursue their personal excellence goals.

Irene started her career with little or no means of support. She grew up in an orphanage and overcame significant challenges to continue her path in diving. It was always her desire to support and encourage children who may not have the financial, emotional and familial support that many athletes enjoy.

In order to keep her dream alive, Irene left in her will a generous donation to BC Diving, which is to be used to help divers in BC continue their dream of being the best that they can be. Each year awards will be made from the fund to promising, Canadian Amateur divers registered and living in BC to assist them to continue their training, education and pursuit of excellence in diving.

The BC Diving Association established The Irene MacDonald Memorial Fund Award. This award is provided annually to one or more athletes who best emulate Irene's character and determination.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligibility

- Open to all competitive amateur divers registered with BC Diving and living in BC (or attending college or university outside the province without full financial assistance)
- Applicants must have qualified for a National Championships (Junior or Senior) during the twelve months ending within the application period
- Applicants must intend to continue to dive competitively
- Applicants must demonstrate a financial need of this award
- Applicants must not be carded with Diving Plongeon Canada
- Applicants not meeting the above criteria eligibility requirements, but for some unusual circumstances feel that they should be considered, may apply for an award. Such an application must include a written request explaining the "unusual circumstances"

Application Procedures

- Applications will be accepted by the Awards committee during the application period (September 1 to November 30) of each year.
- Applications will not be accepted at other times. The application form in this brochure may be copied freely for the purpose of making an application.
- A completed application form must be forwarded to the Award Committee at the address indicated thereon to be received by the committee during the application period.
- All applications, the information contained therein, and the proceedings of the Award Committee will be strictly confidential.
- The Awards Committee will meet annually following the application period to review applications and determine the disposition of awards and amounts.

AWARDS

- Successful applicants will be notified of their awards, amounts and payment schedule by the Award Committee
- The Awards Committee may, at its discretion, publish a list of award recipients
- Awards will apply for a term of one year commencing December 1 of each year
- Award winners may apply more than once
- Applications must be submitted each year during the application period.
- Decisions of the Award Committee are final. There is no appeal procedure
- Unsuccessful applicants may reapply the following year without restriction
- Final decisions will be based on: athlete's performance, athlete's stated goals, financial need, personal qualities (including character and determination and contributions made to the club/or association)

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AWARD COMMITTEE

The members of the Irene MacDonald Memorial Fund Award Committee are:

- Mr. Ron Friesen
- Ms. Jayne McDonald
- Ms. Megan Parker

CONTRIBUTIONS

Tax Receipts

- The Vancouver Foundation will process donations received for the Irene MacDonald Memorial Fund and issue charitable tax receipts for gifts of \$25 or more.
- All donations can be made through the Vancouver Foundation by cheque, online credit card donation, publicly-traded securities or a deferred gift. Please see the link on the BC Diving website or www.vancouverfoundation.ca by clicking the "Give Online" button and search for the I.M. Fund.
- All cheques made payable to Vancouver Foundation, please refer to the Irene MacDonald Memorial Fund on the memo line

IRENE MARGARET MACDONALD (November 22, 1931 - June 20, 2002)

Irene was a Canadian athlete, sports executive and broadcaster from Hamilton, Ontario. She won Canada's first-ever Olympic medal, a Bronze, on the 3m springboard at the 1956 Summer Olympics.

Canadians first participated in diving in the 1908 Olympics in London. It wasn't until 48 years later in Melbourne in 1956, that Irene won Canada its first medal, a bronze. This was very impressive for a kid who grew up in an orphanage in Hamilton, Ontario. This was the prelude of a multifaceted and outstanding career spanning 4 decades.

From 1951, when she won her first Canadian championship, until her retirement from competition in 1961, Irene won Canadian national honours 15 times, US national titles six times, Mexican national titles twice, and medals in the Commonwealth Games in 1954 (bronze) and 1958 (silver). She also competed at the 1960 Summer Olympics.



When she retired from active competition, she began coaching and created a legacy of friends, admirers, athletes, and international colleagues. It was only natural that Irene should coach. "I feel happy when I'm working with young children," she said. And, her love for sport and for the children she coached was seen in the performances of Irene's athletes: they were then outstanding divers; they are now outstanding citizens.

But, one of Irene's most important contributions to the sport, and one of her greatest joys, came not as an athlete, nor as a coach, but as a TV commentator. She was a broadcaster for CBC television covering diving events from the 1976 Summer Olympics through to the 1988 Summer Olympics.

In 1991, she was made a Member of the Order of British Columbia. She is a member of the BC Sports Hall of Fame, the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame, and the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame.

"I feel happy when I'm working with young children,"

-Irene MacDonald

IRENE MACDONALD MEMORIAL FUND AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Completed forms should be sent to:
 BC Diving, PO Box 45069 RPO Ocean Park., Surrey, BC
 V4A 3V0 Phone: 604-531-5576
 E-mail: edbcdiving@gmail.com

Established by the BC Diving Association, this award is provided annually to one or more divers who exemplify the attributes of character and determination.

The deadline for submission is November 30th.

Divers applying for support from the Irene MacDonald Memorial Fund must be registered with BC Diving, live in BC and display potential and financial need. Enter only your best results. Preference will be given to those athletes who dive in all events. Explain clearly the reasons for your need.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:	Date of Birth: mm/dd/year	Age:
Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Club:	Coach:	
Diver's E-mail:	Coach's E-mail:	

ATHLETE PERFORMANCE

Competition	Date	Event	Age Group	Placing

SCHOOL/LIVING SITUATION

Education: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Will you be living <input type="checkbox"/> home, or <input type="checkbox"/> away this fall/winter?
Will you receive <input type="checkbox"/> national funding, or <input type="checkbox"/> provincial funding this year?
Will you receive any additional funding this year? From where/\$\$ value:

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please complete the following on a separate piece of paper (maximum 2 pages).

1. A statement of your 3-5 major goals for diving and for life
2. Personal Statement as to why you are deserving of this award including a statement of your personal qualities (including character and determination) and any contributions you have made to the club or association.
3. Please attach a letter of reference from your personal coach. Additional reference letters are also encouraged.

I hereby certify that all information provided by me in this application is true and consent to the publication of my name as a recipient should I be granted an award.

Signature of Diver or Parent/Guardian if under 18 years of age

Date