

## **CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

### **MURIEL DRIVER MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP AWARD NOMINATION PACKAGE**

This lectureship was established as a memorial to Muriel Driver in honour of her many significant contributions to the profession of occupational therapy from the time of her graduation from the University of Toronto in 1941 until her death in 1972. A brief résumé will give some idea of Muriel's full and varied career, which began in 1941 when she became a home service therapist at the Toronto Curative workshop.

In 1943 Muriel enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, serving first as sole therapist at the Hamilton Military Hospital. This was followed by an overseas posting to the 22nd Canadian General Hospital in the United Kingdom as charge occupational therapist. Returning to Canada, she served at the Montreal Military Hospital as assistant to the charge therapist.

Following discharge from the Army in 1946, Muriel organized the first occupational therapy department at Runnymede Hospital for the Chronically Ill in Toronto, and in 1948 she became supervisor of the occupational therapy department at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. During her years at this hospital, Muriel attended the Warm Springs Foundation in Georgia and was awarded the post-graduate certificate in neuro-muscular disorders.

In 1954 Muriel returned to Warm Springs as Director of Occupational Therapy and Instructor in the Post-Graduate School. Muriel accepted the challenge of organizing and directing the special CAOT course in occupational therapy at Kingston in 1959 and served as Director of the School throughout its existence. When Queen's University established the occupational therapy educational program in 1967, Muriel was appointed Senior Lecturer, and at the time of her death in 1972 she was Assistant Professor and Senior Teacher in the Occupational Therapy Programme, School of Rehabilitation Therapy, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario.

Muriel gave many years of service to the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists, as a member of various committees, as chairman of several including the Education Committee, and as an elected member of the Board of Directors. As the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists delegate to the World Federation of Occupational Therapists, she represented Canada on its Council and during part of her term served as Chairman of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists Publications Committee.

In addition to these contributions, she was the author of numerous articles published in the Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy and in the journals of other health-related professions. Her enthusiasm for the advancement of occupational therapy and

the stimulation which she provided were sources of inspiration of students, therapists and personal friends.

## **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of the awards program, the following definitions apply:

- Significant = noteworthy or important
- Exceptional = reflecting a high degree of ability or skill
- Outstanding = superior, pre-eminent or exemplary

## **PURPOSE OF THE AWARD**

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists will honour a member of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession through research, education and the practice of occupational therapy by presenting the individual with the Muriel Driver Memorial Lectureship Award. Only one (1) award will be granted each year. Nominations for this Award will be considered annually but the Award will be made only when recognition is merited in accordance with stated criteria. Nominators whose nomination is unsuccessful in a particular year may allow the nomination to stand for a maximum of three successive years with the permission of the nominee.

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

**Nominations must meet the following criteria:**

- a. Nominees shall be individual or life members of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.
- b. Nominees shall be making, or have made an outstanding contribution to the body of knowledge of occupational therapy.
- c. Nominees shall have provided opportunity for members of the profession to benefit from these contributions through publication, presentations or both.
- d. Nominees must not be a current Board member or employee of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.
- e. Nominees need not be a resident in Canada if the achievements for which they are nominated have relevance to Canadian occupational therapy and they meet the other criteria for the award.

## **AIMS OF THE LECTURESHIP**

The aims of the lectureship are to stimulate interest in the development of improved methods and techniques in the practice of occupational therapy; to encourage interest

in research, education, public relations, recruitment and administration; to provide opportunity for all members of the profession to benefit from new developments; and to give members of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists opportunity to make known the results of study, thus sharing knowledge and experience with others.

### **NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

1. Individual Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists members or a group of members are eligible to submit nominations.
2. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists National Office.
3. An electronic version of the signed copy of the nomination form, narrative form, narrative and curriculum vitae must be submitted to the Chair, Awards Committee.
4. The narrative must include explicit examples of the nominee's contribution to the profession of occupational therapy, as contributing evidence of, and reasons for, the nomination of the candidate.
5. The narrative is not to exceed three (3) typewritten pages, single spaced, one inch margins, 12 point, Arial font.
6. The nominator should include the nominee's curriculum vitae which lists professional experience, affiliations and special interests. Please attach a separate sheet.
7. Nominators whose nomination is unsuccessful in a particular year may allow the nomination to stand for a maximum of three successive years with the permission of the nominee.
8. **Nominations are to be received electronically by December 1st:**

Chair, Awards Committee  
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists  
nominations@caot.ca

### **SELECTION OF CANDIDATE**

Selection shall be made by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists upon recommendation by the Awards Committee.

## **PROCEDURE**

The President of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists will notify the recipient prior to public announcement. The name of the recipient will be announced at the Awards Ceremony, published in *Occupational Therapy Now* and posted on the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists' web site. After presentation, a copy of the lecture in triplicate is to be sent to the Editor of the *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy* in time for publication in the next issue.

## **FORM OF THE AWARD**

The recipient of the Muriel Driver Memorial Lectureship Award receives the following:

1. Presentation of a lecture (approximately 45 minutes) to the membership on a topic of her/his choice at the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference in the year following the announcement of the receipt of the award;
2. A full complimentary registration to the Annual Conference at which she/he is presenting her/his address;
3. Travel, accommodation and expenses for the duration of the Annual Conference in accordance with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists' travel policy;
4. A certificate of recognition;
5. An honorarium of \$500;
6. The opportunity to invite seven (7) guests to a luncheon or reception given by the President in honour of the recipient;
7. Publication of her/his lecture in the *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*;
8. Her/his name engraved on the award plaque kept in National Office.
9. Name and profile published in *Occupational Therapy Now* and on the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists' website.

## **LECTURE**

The subject of the presentation is left to the discretion of the Lecturer, subject to the one stipulation that it is no longer than 45 minutes in length.

**MURIEL DRIVER MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP AWARD  
NOMINATION FORM**

**To be completed by the Nominator:**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the Muriel Driver Memorial Lectureship.

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

CAOT Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the Nominee:**

As a member of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists, I agree to allow my name to stand for nomination for the Muriel Driver Memorial Lectureship Award.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

CAOT Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions concerning the nominee:**

- a) Number of years of sustained activity in occupational therapy \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Highest educational level attained \_\_\_\_\_
- c) If relevant information regarding the nominee's contributions toward the award criteria is not provided in the curriculum vitae, please provide a detailed list.

**Please submit an electronic version of the signed copy of this form, the narrative form, narrative and the candidate's curriculum vitae to the Chair of the Awards Committee no later than December 1st:**

Chair, Awards Committee  
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists  
nominations@caot.ca

**MURIEL DRIVER MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP AWARD  
NARRATIVE FORM**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Person(s) Writing the Narrative: \_\_\_\_\_

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The purpose of the narrative is to describe **why the candidate was nominated for this award and to highlight the candidate's outstanding contribution to the profession through research, education and the practice of occupational therapy.**

The narrative must include explicit examples of the nominee's contribution to the profession of occupational therapy, as contributing evidence of, and reasons for, the nomination of the candidate.

The narrative should not exceed three (3) typewritten pages, single spaced, one inch margins, 12 point, Arial font and should include:

1. Educational background
2. Summarized work experience
3. Outstanding contributions to the profession through research, education and the practice of occupational therapy.
4. How the candidate's contributions have benefited the profession/association and are therefore worthy of national recognition.
5. Evidence that the candidate has contributed in each of the following categories:
  - a) Written/oral communication activities
  - b) Association activities especially at the national level
6. Honours bestowed on the candidate for professional achievement (awards, peer recognition, honorary degrees).