



Icelandic National League of North America Awards Nomination Criteria

The Icelandic National League of North America (INLNA) is pleased to recognize outstanding volunteers in our community by calling for nominations for awards described below. Nominations can be submitted by any member of an INLNA organisation (*i.e. chapter/club, affiliate, associate, individual*) while applications for Convention Registration Awards can be submitted by the applicant themselves.

Nominations for awards must be submitted by January 31st via email to inlofna@gmail.com

1. INLNA Honorary Lifetime Membership Award

The Honorary Lifetime Membership Award recognizes individuals who have been nominated by their member club for having shown outstanding service to the INLNA through service in their member club.

Nomination Criteria

The nominee must be a member of an INLNA organisation, in good standing, and have served a minimum of 10 years.

In addition, the nominee must have demonstrated one or more of the following:

- Outstanding service to the INLNA through involvement in a member organisation.
- Involvement through understanding and promoting Icelandic culture and heritage.
- Involvement in community activities.

N.B. This award may be limited to 5 recipients each year and may be awarded posthumously. The host club(s) have priority for two nominees.

2. Joan Inga Eyolfson Cadham Award

The Joan Inga Eyolfson Cadham Award was established in 2017 to recognize individuals who have been outstanding in the promotion of Icelandic culture and heritage by way of literature, arts, or media.

The award was established in honour of Joan Eyolfson Cadham, an adventurer, journalist, and weaver of stories, possessed of strong ethics and a deep faith.

A contributor to diverse media, from CBC Radio to *Foam Lake Review* and *Wynyard Advance*, Joan was best known in the Icelandic community as the editor of *Lögberg-Heimskringla* from 2011 to 2014 and the acting editor before then. As a freelance author, editor, and storyteller, Joan was rarely seen without her camera and notebook. She was also active as a leader in the Vatnabyggð Icelandic Club in Saskatchewan, where she put her heart and soul into promoting and maintaining Icelandic traditions and customs.

Joan's many contributions were recognized when she received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her efforts as "a lifelong champion of history and heritage, culture and community."

Joan Inga Eyolfson Cadham was born on September 9, 1940 in Wadena, Saskatchewan, the daughter of Helgi Andres Eyolfson and Olive Borgfjord. She was raised on a farm near Leslie, where she attended the one-room school at Rosevale until the family moved to Foam Lake. Following high school graduation, she moved to Toronto and studied journalism at Ryerson Institute of Technology. In response to frequent moves and the arrival of children – Joe Chisholm, Ruth Chisholm-Davin, and Inga Chisholm – Joan took a hiatus from writing, but the creative spark reignited when she moved to Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec. Joan returned to Foam Lake with her husband, Jack, in 1992. She died at home in Foam Lake on October 28, 2015.

Joan's published books include *Bent but Not Broken: Today's Canadian Church* (co-authored with David Letourneau and Dennis Dwyer, 1992), *Red Right Returning* (1998), *The Canadian Book of Days* (co-authored with Harvey Grossman, 2005), *The Prairie Does Flourish: Sisters of St. Elizabeth – 100 Years of Blooming on Canadian Soil* (2011), and *The Twelve Gifts of Christmas and Other Stories* (2015).

Nomination Criteria

The nominee will have had a membership in one or more INLNA organisations.

In addition, the nominee must have demonstrated...

- Outstanding service in the promotion of Icelandic culture and heritage in North America in the areas of Literature, the Arts and/or Media.
- Significant involvement in local community affairs both inside and outside the Icelandic community

N.B This single award may not necessarily be awarded every year.

3. Laurence S.G. Johnson Lifetime Achievement Award

The Laurence S. G. Johnson Lifetime Achievement Award was initiated in 2003 to be bestowed upon a recipient for “contributions not only to the Icelandic Community but also in the community at large”

Laurence (Larry) Steingrimur Gudni Johnson played many roles in both his volunteer life and career. Larry played an instrumental part in the Icelandic community as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Iceland Heritage Museum, President of the Bruin Chapter of the Icelandic National League and President of the Icelandic National League of North America. As a volunteer, Larry’s dedication extended to the Selkirk and District Chamber of Commerce, Selkirk and District Hospital Board, Manitoba Health Organization, Interlake Health Network, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Selkirk Community Library Board, Selkirk Arts Festival and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

In 1993, Larry was honoured as the city of Selkirk’s Citizen of the Year. In 1994, Larry and Edith’s family were named by the Province of Manitoba as Family of the Year. Larry and Edith were also featured on an episode of the television program, Cross Country Canada showcasing their shared passion of old time dancing.

Larry was born in Hnausa, Manitoba on June 29, 1928. He was educated in Riverton and Stonewall, MB. He worked as a teacher, carnie, sales representative, hotel and retail manager, motorcycle cop, volunteer board member, president, loving husband, father and Afi. Wherever his life took him, Larry’s passion and dedication touched the hearts and lives throughout his life.

Nomination Criteria

The nominee must have served 15 or more years as a member of one or more North American Icelandic organisations.

In addition, the nominee must have demonstrated...

- Outstanding service to one or more North American Icelandic organisations, as evidenced by the understanding and promotion of Icelandic culture and heritage.

- Significant involvement in local community affairs both inside and outside the Icelandic community.

N.B. This single award may not be awarded each year and may be awarded posthumously.

4. Convention Registration Award

The convention registration fee will be paid by the INLNA for up to four young persons, aged 13 to 35 years, who are interested in exploring their Icelandic heritage by experiencing the excitement and fun of an Icelandic National League of North America convention.

To be considered for one of these awards, the applicant must submit a one page letter indicating the details of their Icelandic heritage and why they would like to attend the INLNA convention.

N.B. This nomination is submitted by the individual who wishes to be considered for the award.