

14 June 2025

**ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (O.P.E.I.)
2025**

TERMS:

Awarded to citizens of Prince Edward Island as the highest distinction accorded to a citizen of the province in the name of the Crown to recognize excellence and contributions to the social, cultural and economic life of the province and its residents. The Medal of Merit represents exceptional contributions in such areas of endeavour as the arts, business and industry, community development, chosen professions or occupations, public service, research, or volunteer service.

Any individual or organization may submit nominations for the investiture in the Order of Prince Edward Island. Any present or former long-term resident of the province is eligible for nomination, with the exception of elected federal, provincial or municipal representatives, and members of the judiciary, while still holding office. Posthumous nominations are not accepted. An independent Advisory Council receives nominations and presents recipients to the Premier on an annual basis. The Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island is the Chancellor of the Order and presents the honour in the name of the Crown.



Recipients may use the post-nominal letters: O.P.E.I. The recipients are announced in June of each year and the medals presented in mid-September of each year.

DESCRIPTION:

A circular medal, 2 inches in diameter done in enamels.

OBVERSE:

In the centre is the Provincial emblem (red, gold, white, green and brown enamels) against a background of gold. A ring of blue enamel is around the emblem with the word MERIT at the top in gold separated from the words Prince Edward Island (in gold) at the bottom by two gold dots.

The French version of the medal has:

In the centre is the Provincial emblem (red, gold, white, green and brown enamels) against a background of gold. A ring of blue enamel is around the emblem with the word MERITE at the top in gold separated from the words ILLE-DU-PRINCE-EDOUARD (in gold) at the bottom by two gold dots.

REVERSE:

Blank

MOUNTING:

A gold ring at the top with the hole aligned along the rim of the medal has a large gold ring attached. The ribbon passes through this ring and is worn around the neck.

RIBBON:

The ribbon is 1 1/2 inches wide with narrow white edges (1/8" wide), rust and green stripes (1/2" wide) separated by a white stripe (1/4" wide) (rust strip is to the left).

DATES:

Established in 1996 and formalized through the passage of the Provincial Emblems and Honours Act by the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island in 1997 (Provincial Emblems and Honours Act, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. 36, was given Royal Assent on 29 May, 1997).

ISSUED: 102 to 10 June 2025 (one resigned in 2017)

- 6 – 1996
- 3 – 1997
- 3 – 1998
- 3 – 1999
- 4 – 2000 (including the current LG)
- 4 – 2001 (including 1 LG)
- 3 – 2002
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- 4 – 2006 (including 1 LG)
- 3 – 2007
- 3 – 2008
- 3 – 2009
- 3 – 2010
- 4 – 2011 (including 1 LG)
- 3 – 2012
- 3 – 2013
- 3 – 2014
- 3 – 2014
- 3 – 2015
- 3 – 2016 (John Joe Sark resigned May 2017) 15 June 2016
- 4 – 2017 (3 plus the new Lieutenant-Governor Antoinette Perry who was appointed 20 October 2017)
- 3 – 2018 (Announced 06 July 2018; ceremony in October 2018)
- 3 – 2019 (Announced 28 June 2019; ceremony in September 2019)
- 3 – 2020 (announced 13 July 2020; ceremony 30 September 2020)
- 3 – 2021 (announced 30 June 2021; ceremony September 2021)
- 3 – 2022 (announced 22 June 2022; ceremony Fall 2022)
- 3 – 2023 (announced 01 June 2023; ceremony Fall 2023)
- 4 – 2024 (announced 27 June 2024; ceremony Fall 2024) (including new LG)
- 3 – 2025 (announced 10 June 2025)

Total – 102 awarded to 10 June 2025 (one resignation in May 2017)

ANNOUNCED: June or July

ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)

| YEAR | NAME | TITLE | POSITION | DECORATIONS / |
|------|---|----------------|--|-----------------|
| 2022 | ANDREW, John Wallace | Dr | Medical Physicist / Watershed Issues | OPEI |
| 2018 | ARENDZ, Mark | Mr | Eight-Time Paralympic Medalist | OPEI |
| 2005 | ARSENAULT, Angèle | Ms | Acadian Author / Composer / Performer | OC OPEI |
| 2004 | ARSENAULT, Eloi | Father | Promotion of the Acadian Culture | OPEI |
| 2019 | ARSENAULT, Jeannette | <u>Ms</u> | Owner Gift Shop Shop & Play in Albany | OPEI |
| 2003 | ARSENAULT, Joseph <u>Georges</u> | Prof | Radio Host / Editor / Acadian History | CM OPEI |
| 2005 | BAGNELL, Flora Minnie <u>Leone</u> | Ms | Farmer / Teacher / MLA in PEI | CM OPEI |
| 2016 | BATEMAN, Carolyn | Ms | Co-Founder Autism Society of PEI | OPEI MSM |
| 2008 | BERNARD, Darlene | Chief | Lennox Island Mi'kmaq First Nations | OPEI |
| 2001 | BERNARD, J. Léonce | Hon | Chancellor of OPEI 2001 / Lt-Gov PEI | KStJ OPEI |
| 2004 | BOLGER, Francis W.P. | Prof | History Univ. PEI / Montgomery Expert | CM OPEI |
| 2025 | BRINKLOW, Laurie | Asst Professor | OPEI / Founder Acorn Press / Island Literature | OPEI |
| 2019 | BRODERICK, Leo | Mr | Tignish Native / Activist for Social Justice | OPEI |
| 2012 | BRYANT, Emily | Ms | Work in Mental Health / Nursing Clyde River | OPEI |
| 2020 | BRYANTON, Olive | Prof | OPEI / First multi-purpose Seniors Centre PEI | OPEI |
| 1998 | BRYENTON, Marlene | Ms | Crusader for Women with Breast Cancer | OPEI |
| 2008 | BUELL, Garnet | Mr | Musician | OPEI |
| 1998 | BURGE, Marie | Ms | Founder Family Reunification PEI | OPEI |
| 2017 | CALLBECK, Catherine S. | Hon | Premier 1993 to 1996 / MP / Senator | CM OPEI |
| 2011 | CALLBECK, William C. | Mr | Volunteerism Central Bedeque | OPEI |
| 2006 | CAMERON, Sheldon R. | Dr | Work in Addictions Treatment | OPEI |
| 2013 | CAMPBELL, Alexander Bradshaw | Hon | Premier of PEI 1966 to 1978 / PEI Judge | OPEI |
| 2015 | CAMPBELL, Bill | Mr | Founder Bills Lane Housing Development | OPEI |
| 1996 | CHEVERIE, Charles | Rev | Professor of Biology University of PEI | OPEI |
| 2019 | CHISHTI, Najmul H. | Dr | Research Scientist / Youth Table Tennis | OPEI |
| 2000 | CLEMENTS, Gilbert R. | Hon | Chancellor of OPEI 1996-2001 | OPEI |
| 2021 | CORRIGAN-MURPHY, Noreen | Ms | Owner Corrigan Lodge Elder Care / Philanthan. | OPEI |
| 2023 | CURRIE, Teresa | Sister | Tireless Worker for the Less Fortunate | OPEI |
| 2018 | CUTCLIFFE, Heather | Ms | Occupational Therapist from Augustine Cove | OPEI |
| 2012 | CUTCLIFFE, Sibyl | Ms | Fundraising / Volunteer Work | OPEI |
| 2024 | DAU-SCHMIDT, Kathryn | Ms | Teaching Traditional Fiddling in PEI | OPEI |
| 2011 | DAVIES, Eleanor | Ms | Nurse / Island Hospice Association | OPEI |
| 2003 | DEACON, Donald M. | Major | RCA / Co-Chair Katimavik / Boy Scouts | OC OPEI MC (CM) |
| 1997 | DEIGHAN, Mary | Sister | Leader in St. Martha's Church | OPEI |
| 1996 | DEWAR, George | Dr | Founded University PEI | CM OPEI |
| 2013 | DEWAR, Vera Elizabeth | Prof | Nursing University of PEI | CM OPEI |
| 2015 | DIXON, Gerald Sheldon | Mr | Teacher / Basketball Coach / Horses | OPEI |
| 2016 | DRYER, Dagny | Dr | She is PEI's First Medical Oncologist | OPEI |
| 2002 | DUFFY, Anna | Mrs | Teacher and Community Service | OPEI |
| 2010 | DUFFY, Regis | Prof | Dean of Science U of PEI / BioVectra | CM OPEI |
| 1999 | ELDERSHAW, Edith | Ms | Community Service Tignish | OPEI |
| 1996 | ELLIS, Kent | Dr | Physician in Hunt River for 40 Years | OPEI |

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|------|--------------------------------------|-------|---|---------------|
| 2000 | GAUDET, J. Henri | Mr | Acadian and Irish Heritage | CM OPEI |
| 2002 | GRAHAM, Allan | Mr | Author/Lecturer /Historian/Musician | OPEI |
| 2010 | GRIFFIN, Diane F. | Ms | PEI Program Manager Nature Conservation | OPEI |
| 2006 | HAGARMAN, Barbara A. | Hon | Chancellor / 40 th Lt-Gov of PEI | DStJ OPEI |
| 2014 | HAMBLY, H. Wayne | Mr | Chair Mega Group Furniture/Appliance | CM OPEI |
| 2009 | HAMBLY, Wilma | Ms | Businesswoman / Church Elder | OPEI |
| 2008 | HAMILL, Nancy Ann | Ms | Health advocate / Teacher / Cancer Work | OPEI |
| 2017 | HENNESSEY, Catherine | Ms | Historian /Author/ Heritage Activist. | CM OPEI |
| 1996 | HOGAN, James | Mr | Visual Artist | OPEI |
| 2000 | HUDSON, J. Arthur | Mr | Work with Church, School Boards, Sports | OPEI |
| 2023 | HUGHES, Mary | Ms | Palliative Care Community Nurse | OPEI |
| 2012 | INGS, Albert "Bud" | Dr | Veterinarian / MLA & Minister / Writer | OPEI |
| 2018 | JEWELL, Irene | Ms | Jewell's Country Gardens in York | OPEI |
| 2005 | KEY, Derek D. | Mr | Lawyer / Summerside Volunteer | CM OPEI |
| 2006 | LEDWELL, Frank J. | Mr | Poet Laureate of PEI | OPEI |
| 2006 | LEWIS, Dorothy A. | Ms | Entrepreneur / Historian | OPEI |
| 2011 | LEWIS, H. Frank | Hon | Lieutenant-Gov / Chancellor of OPEI | KStJ OPEI |
| 1997 | LINKLETTER, Charles | Mr | PEI Tourism Industry | CM OPEI |
| 2025 | LUND, Kirstin | Ms | Community Building / Women's Rights | OPEI |
| 2017 | MacAULAY, James Clement | Mr | Principal in St. Peters Bay / Revitalization | OPEI |
| 2024 | MacDONALD, Ed (George Edward) | Prof | UPEI History / History of PEI | CM OPEI |
| 2009 | MacDONALD, Elmer | Mr | Agrologist of the Year 1991 / Farmer | OPEI |
| 2021 | MacISAAC, Maitland | Mr | Fostering Wellness & Promoting Literacy | OPEI |
| 2014 | MacLAUCHLAN, H. Wade | Prof | Pres Univ of PEI / Dean Law Dalhousie | CM OPEI |
| 2007 | MacLEAN, William ('Bill') | Mr | International Children's Memorial Place | OPEI |
| 1997 | MacRAE, Helen Stewart | Ms | Worker with the I.O.D.E. | OPEI |
| 2000 | McGUINN, Shirley | Ms | School Teacher / Work with Students | OPEI |
| 2004 | McNEILL, Mary Barbara | Ms | First Atlantic Cdn to Swim English Channel | OPEI |
| 2013 | MADIGANE, Joyce | Dr | 40 years Physician Tyne Valley | OPEI |
| 2001 | MALONEY, John | Dr | Obstetrician / MLA / Cabinet | OPEI |
| 2001 | MANNING, Maylea | Mrs | Agriculture / Equestrian Sports / Music | OPEI |
| 2021 | MORRISON, Heather | Dr | Chief Public Health Officer of PEI since 2007 | OPEI |
| 2014 | MOYSE, Heather Leanne | Ms | Gold in Bobsleigh Olympics 2010 & 2014 | OPEI |
| 2007 | MURPHY, Ray | Mr | Pharmacist / Volunteer Work | CM OPEI |
| 1999 | O'HANLEY, Hubert 'Sock' | Dr | Pediatrician 50 Years | OPEI |

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|------|-----------------------------------|--------|--|---------------|
| 2023 | PARSONS, Scott | Mr | Singer / Songwriter / Black & Maritime Music | OPEI |
| 2017 | PERRY, Antoinette | Hon | LG of PEI / Music & French Teacher Tignish | DStJ OPEI |
| 2025 | PETRIE, Ian | Mr | Longtime CBC Radio and TV Journalist | OPEI |
| 1996 | POIRIER, M. Ulric | Mr | Teacher / WWII Service | OPEI |
| 2020 | PURDY, Henry | Mr | Professional Visual Artist & Art Instructor | CM OPEI |
| 1996 | REID, Marion | Hon | Lieutenant-Governor of PEI | CM DStJ OPEI |
| 1998 | RICHARD, Antoine | Mr | Acadian Education | CM OPEI |
| 2007 | ROBBINS, Helen | Ms | Teacher / Community Volunteer | OPEI |
| 2016 | SARK, John Joe | Keptin | Spiritual Leader for the Mi'Kmaq People | OPEI |
| 2017 | <u>SARK, John Joe - Resigned</u> | Keptin | Spiritual Leader for the Mi'Kmaq People | ----- |
| 2022 | SCHNEIDER, Gary | Mr | Respected and Committed Environmentalist | OPEI |
| 1999 | SCHURMAN, Paul H. | Mr | Pres Gulf Broadcasting | CM OPEI |
| 2020 | SIMPSON, B.E. ('Bev') | Mr | Owner Vesey Seeds Ltd. with wife Shirley | OPEI |
| 2010 | SMITH, Brady | Father | Addictions Treatment Charlottetown | OPEI |
| 2022 | THÉRIAULT, Claudette | Ms | Distinguished Francophone PEI Civil Servant | OPEI |
| 2024 | THOMPSON, Reginald "Dutch" | Mr | Recording 1 st hand & lived Experiences | OPEI |
| 2015 | TRAINOR, Charles St. Clair | Dr | Family Physician / PEI Chief Coroner | OPEI |
| 2001 | WALL, Kay | Mrs | Active Volunteer over 38 Years | OPEI |
| 2002 | WILLIAMS, Elmer | Mr | Post Officer/Community Service | OPEI |
| 2003 | WILSON, J.P. Noel | Mr | Council Chair Cardigan 26 Years | OPEI |
| 2011 | WONG, David | Dr | Pediatrician Summerside / Neonatal Care | OPEI |
| 2009 | ZAKEM, Frank | Mr | Mayor of Charlottetown / Educator | OPEI |

John Joe Sark, Keptin and Spiritual Leader for the Mi'Kmaq People resigned from the Order in May 2017 because the government would not change the name of Fort Amherst. General Amherst was a British General who sold blankets laced with smallpox to the natives in Prince Edward Island and Mr. Sark believed keeping the name was an insult to the Mi'Kmaq People (and he is right). However, the Province doesn't control the name.

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ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND + OFFICER / MEMBER, ORDER of CANADA

(OC / CM OPEI)

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>TITLE</u> | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>DECORATIONS</u> / |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 2005 | ARSENAULT, Angèle | Ms | Acadian Author / Composer / Performer | OC OPEI |
| 2003 | ARSENAULT, Joseph Georges | Prof | Radio Host / Editor / Acadian History | CM OPEI |
| 2005 | BAGNELL, Flora Minnie Leone | Ms | Farmer / Teacher / MLA in PEI | CM OPEI |
| 2004 | BOLGER, Francis W.P. | Prof | History Univ of PEI / Montgomery Expert | CM OPEI |
| 2017 | CALLBECK, Catherine S. | Hon | Premier 1993 to 1996 / MP / Senator | CM OPEI |
| 2013 | CAMPBELL, Alexander B. | Hon | Premier of PEI 1966 to 1978 / PEI Judge | OC OPEI |
| 2003 | DEACON, Donald Mackay | Major | RCA / Co-Chair Katimavik / Boy Scouts | OC OPEI MC (CM) |
| 1996 | DEWAR, George | Dr | Founding University of PEI | CM OPEI |
| 2013 | DEWAR, Vera Elizabeth | Prof | Nursing University of PEI | CM OPEI |
| 2010 | DUFFY, Regis | Prof | Dean of Science U of PEI / BioVectra | CM OPEI |
| 2000 | GAUDET, J. Henri | Mr | Acadia & Irish Heritage | CM OPEI |
| 2014 | HAMBLY, H. Wayne | Mr | Chair Mega Group Furniture/Appliance | CM OPEI |
| 2017 | HENNESSEY, Catherine | Ms | Historian /Author/ Heritage Activist. | CM OPEI |
| 2005 | KEY, Derek D. | Mr | Lawyer / Summerside Volunteer | CM OPEI |
| 1997 | LINKLETTER, Charles | Mr | PEI Tourism Industry | CM OPEI |
| 2024 | MacDONALD, Ed (George Edward) | Prof | UPEI History / History of PEI | CM OPEI |
| 2014 | MacLAUCHLAN, H. Wade | Prof | Pres Univ. of PEI / Dean Law Dalhousie | CM OPEI |
| 2007 | MURPHY, Ray | Mr | Pharmacist / Volunteer Work | CM OPEI |
| 2020 | PURDY, Henry | Mr | Professional Visual Artist & Art Instructor | CM OPEI |
| 1996 | REID, Marion | Hon | Lieutenant-Governor of PEI | CM DStJ OPEI |
| 1998 | RICHARD, Antoine | Mr | Acadian Education | CM OPEI |
| 1999 | SCHURMAN, Paul H. | Mr | President Gulf Broadcasting | CM OPEI |

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ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND + MILITARY CROSS

(OPEI MC)

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>MC</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>DECORATIONS</u> / |
|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 2003 | 10/11/45 | DEACON, Donald Mackay | Major | Royal Canadian Artillery | OC OPEI MC (CM) |



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2010 OPEI Recipients



Premier Robert Ghiz, Diane F. Griffin, Dr. Regis Duffy, Father Brady Smith and Honourable Barbara Hagerman

2013 OPEI Recipients



Right to Left: Premier Robert Ghiz with 2013 Order of PEI recipients Dr. Joyce Madigane, Vera Dewar and Alex Campbell. His Honour H. Frank Lewis, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island and Chancellor of the Order

2014 OPEI Recipients



Premier Robert Ghiz with 2014 Order of PEI recipients Wade Maclaughlan, Heather Moyse, and Wayne Hambly plus His Honour H. Frank Lewis, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island and Chancellor of the Order

2015 OPEI Recipients



Bill Campbell, Gerald Dixon & Dr. Charles Trainor

2016 OPEI Recipients



Carolyn Bateman, LG Frank Lewis, John Joe Sark (resigned), Dr. Dagny Dryer

2019 OPEI Recipients



Najmul H. Chishti

Jeanette Arsenaull

Leo Broderick

2020 OPEI Recipients



Left to right: The Hon. Dennis King, Premier of PEI; recipients Bev Simpson, Professor Olive Bryanton and Henry Purdy; plus the Hon. Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI

2021 OPEI Recipients



Noreen Corrigan-Murphy, OPEI



**Dr. Heather Morrison, OPEI
Chief Public Health Officer**



Mr. Maitland MacIsaac, OPEI



2021 OPEI Recipients

Lt. Gov. Antoinette Perry, Dr. Heather Morrison, Noreen Corrigan, Maitland MacIsaac and P.E.I. Premier Dennis King

2022 OPEI Recipients

Announced on 22 June 2022
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|------|-----------------------------|-------|---|-------------|
| 2022 | ANDREW, John Wallace | Dr | Medical Physicist / Watershed Issues | OPEI |
| 2022 | SCHNEIDER, Gary | Mr | Respected and Committed Environmentalist | OPEI |
| 2022 | THÉRIAULT, Claudette | Ms | Distinguished Francophone PEI Civil Servant | OPEI |

2023 OPEI Recipients

Announced on 01 June 2023
ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)

| YEAR | NAME | TITLE | POSITION | DECORATIONS |
|------|-----------------------|--------|--|-------------|
| 2023 | CURRIE, Teresa | Sister | Tireless Worker for the Less Fortunate | OPEI |
| 2023 | HUGHES, Mary | Ms | Palliative Care Community Nurse | OPEI |
| 2023 | PARSONS, Scott | Mr | Singer / Songwriter / Black & Maritime Music | OPEI |



2023 OPEI Recipients
 Hon. Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI Sister Teresa Currie, Scott Parsons; Ms. Mary Hughes Premier Dennis King

**ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)
Recipients 2024**

Announced on 27 June 2024

| YEAR | NAME | TITLE | POSITION | DECORATIONS | / |
|------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|-------------|---|
| 2024 | DAU-SCHMIDT, Kathryn | Ms | Teaching Traditional Fiddling in PEI | OPEI | |
| 2024 | MacDONALD, Ed | Prof | UPEI History / History of PEI | CM OPEI | |
| 2024 | THOMPSON, Reginald "Dutch" | Mr | Recording 1 st hand & lived Experiences | OPEI | |

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**ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (OPEI)
Recipients 2025**

Announced on 10 June 2025

| YEAR | NAME | TITLE | POSITION | DECORATIONS | / |
|------|-------------------------|----------------|--|-------------|---|
| 2025 | BRINKLOW, Laurie | Asst Professor | UPEI / Founder Acorn Press / Island Literature | OPEI | |
| 2025 | LUND, Kirstin | Ms | Community Building / Women's Rights | OPEI | |
| 2025 | PETRIE, Ian | Mr | Longtime CBC Radio and TV Journalist | OPEI | |

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