

## **OAS Indigenous Advocacy Award**

This award has been created to recognize a person(s) from an Indigenous community who has dedicated themselves to archaeology and preserving the cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples through active participation in Ontario archaeology. This award goes to those who work tirelessly not only for their own community, but use their voice to advocate for the inclusion of the Indigenous perspective in all aspects of the archaeological endeavour.

### **Who can be nominated?**

The successful candidates must meet the following criteria. They must:

- be an individual who is a member of an Indigenous community
- has made an exceptional, sustained commitment to archaeology in Ontario. They shall demonstrate:
  - leadership
  - dedication and commitment
  - creativity
  - positive impact beyond their own community to the region or province

Nominees can work in the areas of cultural resource management as community field representatives, for their community in a formal capacity or as a volunteer. They may also be academics, licensed archaeologists, or working in a related field of study in Ontario. The OAS recognises that many of these individuals are not compensated for their work and as part of this recognition these individuals will be prioritised.

### **Who can nominate?**

Any member of the Ontario Archaeological Society can nominate or individuals can be nominated by the Board of Directors at the request of an Indigenous community.

**Deadline for Submissions:** August 31 of each year