

## NEPEAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The awards listed below are granted by Nepean High School. The Commencement Awards Application is available here: [Commencement Awards Class of 2025](#)

### Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Silver Medals

- awarded to students achieving an average of 90% or over in each of their secondary years
- In grade 9,10, and 11 the courses (8 in Grades 9 and 10; 7 in Grade 11) used to calculate the Silver Medal awards could be at any grade level (e.g. a Grade 10 student could be taking seven Grade 10 courses and one Grade 11 course). Courses may only be counted once towards a Silver Medal award.
- For the Grade 12 Silver Medal award, the 6 courses must be taken at the Grade 12 level but need not be taken during the Grade 12 year (a Grade 12 credit from the previous year could be used only if not previously counted for a Silver Medal award).

### Ontario Scholarships

- Awarded to graduating students who attain an average of 80.0% or higher in their best 6 grade 12 courses.

### Subject Awards

- A special certificate will be presented for each course to the student who has made the most outstanding contribution in the areas of academics, attitude, and participation.

### Play the Game Award

- Awarded annually to a student in each grade level who demonstrates a dramatic improvement in their school life as a direct result of perseverance in academics and extracurricular activities at Nepean HS.

### Special Nepean N's

- Leadership N's: awarded to one male and one female for outstanding school leadership
- Academic N's: awarded to one boy and one girl having the highest academic results in 6 grade 12 courses
- Athletic N's: awarded to interscholastic athletes who have earned a total of 500 points through participation and leadership in interscholastic and intramural program
- Athletic Special N's: Presented annually by the Student's Council to a male and a female in their graduating year for outstanding leadership in athletics

### **James H. Boothe Memorial Bursaries**

- Awarded to a student attending a Canadian University who combines general academic excellence with the need for financial assistance.

### **Carmen E. Pollock Memorial Mathematics Plaque**

- Awarded to two graduating students who show the best university mathematics potential.

### **Compass Award**

- Awarded to a graduating student who displays a positive contribution and outlook towards school and will be attending a post-secondary institution.

### **Creative Arts Award**

- Awarded to the graduating student who has made notable contributions in two or more Arts Department programs.

### **Dick Bell Award**

- Awarded to a graduating student who shows an interest in public and community affairs, and participates in school activities.

### **Donald A. McKellar Instrumental Music Award**

- Awarded to the graduation student of instrumental music who has demonstrated dedication, commitment, and leadership throughout four years in the music program.

### **Drama Guild Award**

- Awarded to the graduating student leaving a distinctive record of participation in Drama Guild activities: acting, set design, lighting, make-up, writing, and directing

### **Equity and Inclusion Award**

- Awarded to a student who advances equity, diversity, and inclusion within the Nepean HS community..

### **Governor General's Academic Medal**

- Awarded to the student who achieves the highest average upon graduation from a secondary school. *The average includes **all grade 11 and grade 12 courses** as listed on the student's official Transcript of Grades issued by the ministry of education. The average cannot be anticipated; it must be calculated based on final results after provincial/territorial examinations, where the Ministry of Education requires final exams* (from [www.gg.ca](http://www.gg.ca)).

### **Legacy Citizenship Trophy**

- Awarded to a graduating student who has displayed good citizenship both in the school and in the community.

### **Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award**

- Awarded to a graduating student in recognition of exemplary involvement in the community.

### **"Love Purple Live Gold" Scholarship**

- Awarded to the student who best exemplifies the generosity of spirit, caring and excellence that are the trademarks of former Principal, Mr. Rene Bibaud. The winner of this scholarship has a record of volunteering, success in his/her chosen studies, and of reaching out to help others locally and/or globally. This student is an exemplary ambassador for Nepean High School and our community with clear goals for him/herself for the future.

### **Outdoor Education**

- Awarded annually to the graduation student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and commitment to the program over three years. The outstanding effort put forth by the recipient has been consistent through class activities and on the more than 30 days spent on trips during their participation in the program.

### **Principal's Award for Student Leadership**

- Presented by Ontario Principals' Council to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership.

### **Nepean School Council Bursary**

- Awarded to two grads who have attained an average of at least 70% in six grade 12 courses and who have made a significant contribution to school life throughout their school career.

### **Stephen Turner Memorial Music Award**

- Awarded to a graduating student who has contributed fully in both curricular and extra-curricular music.

### **Co-President's Award**

- Presented in recognition for a year of service as Co-President of Nepean High School's Students' Council.

### **Schulich Leader Scholarship**

- Demonstrating excellence in the STEM fields: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

### **Success for Life Award**

- Awarded annually to a graduating student who is entering the world of work, apprenticeship or college and has demonstrated achievement in his/her workplace courses or Cooperative Education placements during this school year.

### **Student Equality Trophy**

- Awarded to the student who best exemplifies student equality by taking measures to prevent bullying and promote inclusion within the student body.

### **Theatre Arts Ensemble Award**

- Awarded to the students who have made outstanding contributions to many aspects of the Dramatic Arts program, and have shown significant artistic growth throughout their time at Nepean High School.

### **Visual Arts Award**

- Awarded to an art student pursuing a post-secondary art program who has shown continued interest and enthusiasm, originality, creativity and consistent quality in his/her work.

### **Valedictorian Award**

- Presented to the valedictorian by the Students' Council.

### **Tim O'Hara Memorial Jazz Scholarship**

- Awarded to a student with evidence of outstanding achievement in the Jazz program for four years. Has been accepted and is registered at University post-secondary Jazz program.

### **Tools of the Trade Award**

- Awarded to a graduating OYAP student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in his/her Cooperative Education placement and plans to enter into the trade by either pursuing the apprenticeship pathway or a diploma program at a community college.

### **Vice Principals' Medal**

- Awarded by the Vice Principals to one or two graduating students demonstrating a high degree of character. The award is made to a student who has grown to embody the ideals of integrity, respect and perseverance over the course of an academic career.

### **Vocal Arts Award**

- Awarded to a student who made a significant contribution to the vocal music program and who will be undertaking post-secondary studies in music.

## **ATHLETIC AWARDS**

### **Vogan Award**

- Awarded annually to the boy in his graduating class who has made the most outstanding contribution to boy's athletics.

### **Citizen Award**

- Presented annually to the girl in her graduating class who has made the most outstanding contribution to girl's athletics.

### **Ann Graham Memorial Award & Rick Pollock Award**

- Awarded annually to the female and male athlete who demonstrates excellence in both sports and academics.

### **Cockfield Award**

- Presented annually to the boy and girl in their non-graduating year who best personify enthusiasm, good sportsmanship, excellence and leadership in a variety of interscholastic sports at Nepean.

### **Vincent Franks Memorial Award**

- Awarded annually to a grade 9 or 10 male student who has displayed strong commitment and involvement in the athletic and academic life of the school.

## **Coaches Award**

- Awarded annually by the coaches to a female student in grade 9 or 10 who has made the greatest contribution to athletics at the junior level.