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Mike Skinner Activist Award

Dear CUPE 3906 members,

The Mike Skinner Activist Award is a member-mandated award offered by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3906 on an annual basis. Its title honours long-time labour activist and former CUPE 3906 Staff Member Mike Skinner. CUPE 3906 represents over 3 500 Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants (in lieu), Sessional Faculty, Hourly Rated Sessional Music Faculty and Postdoctoral Fellows at McMaster University. The value of this year's award is \$500 to one person (or committee), an award certificate and an inscription on the Mike Skinner Activist Award plaque.

This award is open to all current members of CUPE 3906 (this includes all Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants in lieu, Sessional Faculty, Hourly Rated Sessional Music Faculty and Postdoctoral Fellows). The nomination period for this award is from March 1st, 2015 to March 23rd, 2015. If a suitable candidate has been active in your organization or department, or if you have seen a suitable candidate around campus or the in community, we invite you to nominate them for this award. Specifically, the recipient of the Mike Skinner Activist Award may have been involved in the following possible issues over the course of his or her stay at McMaster University:

- Fighting for social justice issues (these issues are diverse and can include environmental justice, labour solidarity, gender equality, equity issues, and the advancement of peace);
- Promoting the welfare of humanity and the environment and the elimination of pain and suffering through acts of community organizing, education and/or solidarity.

This is not an exhaustive list, but includes a few common examples of the things that past award winners have been involved in and that the selection committee considers.

Award Criteria:

Please review the award criteria, and, when writing your letter of nomination and seeking supporting letters from others, include the nominee's specific contributions. The main criterions are:

- Impact of their service to the community;
- Length and level of involvement or commitment of the nominee to their act of community service;
- The dedication and courage of the nominee's activism.

The selection committee is comprised of members of the CUPE 3906 executive and members-at-large. Members of the selection committee cannot nominate a candidate. Members of the selection committee who have personal ties with the nominees

must yield their place to another member of the Executive or a CUPE member-at-large nominated by the members of the selection committee. This year's Activist Awards will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on March 30th, 2015.

We look forward to receiving your nomination of an amazing CUPE 3906 member activist. Please find attached a copy of the nomination form. Additional copies are available at the CUPE 3906 office (Kenneth Taylor Hall B111) or by e-mail (staff@cupe3906.org).

For further information please contact president@cupe3906.org or staff@cupe3906.org

Nomination Form for the CUPE 3906 Mike Skinner Activist Award

Nomination Deadline: March 23rd, 2015

Additional Copies of this form are available at the CUPE 3906 office (Kenneth Taylor Hall B111)

Completed nomination forms and supporting documentation may be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail to:

CUPE 3906 Mike Skinner Activist Award Selection Committee

Tel: [905-525-9140 x 24003](tel:905-525-9140)

Fax: [905-525-3837](tel:905-525-3837) (Attention: Mike Skinner Award Selection Committee)

E-mail: president@cupe3906.org,

Name of Nominee: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
University Affiliation(s): _____

Name of Nominator: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
University Affiliation(s): _____
Signature of Nominator: _____
Date: _____

Supporting Documentation:

1. Letter of nomination

A statement that provides evidence that the nominee has consistently demonstrated through their volunteer efforts a sense of personal responsibility and commitment toward community, education, and/or social-justice organizing. List specific activities in which the nominee has participated as an advocate for social justice.

2. One to six letters of support

Letters of support from at least two of the following: student organization members, community members, faculty, staff and others who support this nomination.

3. Additional documentation

Any additional documentation included in the nomination package should serve to illustrate how specific award criteria were met by the nominee. These may include: newspaper, web, or magazine articles; any outstanding achievements, awards, and other types of recognition (these could refer to community involvement that has served and/or advanced a social justice cause); a list of committees on which the nominee has served and the advocacy work performed in connection with these committees; any additional relevant information.