

2026 Glenn Beatty Volunteer Award

Nominations are due: October 16, 2026

Glenn Beatty was a participant in the CAD, CAM, CNC contests and a Gold medal winner in the 1997 Skills Ontario Competition. After that, he moved on to the National Competition in Alberta, where he won yet another Gold medal. His consecutive wins made him the perfect candidate for a job in his field and he was quickly snatched up by ATS Automation Tooling Systems in Cambridge, Ontario.

Always grateful for the kickstart to his career, Glenn returned to Skills Ontario in 1998, only this time, he did so as a volunteer. Tragically, in early 1999, Glenn lost his life in motor vehicle accident. Those who knew him mourned the loss of a kind young man with limitless potential.

As a tribute, each year, Skills Ontario presents the Glenn Beatty Award to a volunteer - or volunteers - who embody the same dedication and passion for Skills Ontario as Glenn did.

This award will recognize dedication in volunteering and mentoring and will inspire others to do great things.

If you know a great Volunteer, Educator and/or Mentor, please send in your nomination. Recognizing the achievements of others is inspiring and very rewarding.

Congratulations to our past award winners:

2025 – Louis Anderson - Commercial Aviation Maintenance
Martin Restoule – Algonquin College
2024 - Jürgen Hierholzer – Georgian College
Ruth Bleijerveld - Old Orchard Specialty Bakery
2023 - Angela Alexander
Josh Hyde
Darryl Madussi
2022 - Steve Bennis – Flemming College
Len Rance
2021 - Roseanne Toronchuk - City of Waterloo
Rob Currie - C to C Productions
2021 - Elizabeth Stacey - Conestoga College
2020 - Richard Dupp - Mohawk College
Angelo Spano - Centennial College

2019 *FOUNDERS OF SKILLS CANADA (Ontario)*
Jim Clubine
Ray Keery
Floor Kromhout
John Connor
Robert Van Nispen
Laurent Thibault
2018 - Wayne Lawrence - IBEW/ECAO
2017 - Craig Brazil - Sheridan College
Lou Dropka - Conestoga College
2016 - Russ Jessop
2015 - David Weatherhead - Centennial College
2014 - Cheryl Cottrill - Bruce Power/Women in Nuclear
2013 - N/A
2012 - Con Jansons - Robert Bateman High School, Halton District School Board
2011 - Bob Tone
2010 - Shane Kennedy - Boston Pizza
Peter McBride - The Ontario Mining Association
2009 - Tina Antunes - Humber College
Luciano Di Loreto - Toronto Catholic District School Board
Beth Edney - Design By The Yard Inc.
Anne Giardini - AECL, Chalk River
Lucy Longo - Algoma District School Board
Kim Taylor Reed - York District School Board
2008 - Ron Dorcus - York Catholic District School Board
Dave Felice - CAW Skilled Trades Council
Dave Isherwood - Lakehead Public Schools
Bill Speed - Toronto District School Board
Marcia Ranger - Cambrian College
Kevin Shea - Ottawa - Carleton District School Board
2007 - Linda Hart - Conestoga College
Michael Scott - Ottawa Catholic District School Board
Patricia Buchanan - Toronto District School Board
John Sillberg - Fleming College
Henry Girard - Rainbow District School Board
Ian Stewart - Union Gas Ltd. Thunder Bay
2006 - Wanda Bates - Upper Grand District School Board
Mario Blouin - Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières
Barry Bousfield - Canadore College
Lawrence Cotton - York Catholic District School Board
Gordon Evans - Workforce Development Board
Allen Holtz - Ottawa - Carleton District School Board
Jeff Ste. Marie - Thames Valley District School Board
2005 - Eric Leduc - Ottawa - Carleton District School Board
2004 - Randy Dyck - Waterloo Region District School Board
2003 - Bill McLeod - Waterloo Region District School Board
Mark Forgeron- Conestoga College
George Corrin
2002 - Dennis Watson - VP & GM of CKCO – TV; CTV Southwestern Ontario
2001 - Cliff Graham - Passed away earlier in 2001
2000 - David Green - Fluke Electronics Canada
1999 - Bob Corney - Cor-Dale Enterprises
Cathy Chester - Thames Valley District School Board

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NOMINATION FORM

Nominator Information (Please print):

Nominator _____ Relationship to Nominee _____
School/Organization _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
Email: _____

Nominee Information (Please print):

Person Nominated _____
School/ Organization _____ School Board _____
Area of Volunteering/Mentoring _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

RATIONALIZATION / NOMINEE CONTRIBUTION

- On a separate piece of paper, briefly outline this individual's contribution to volunteering/mentoring for Skills Ontario, giving reasons why they should receive the award. Years of volunteering/mentoring along with what they have volunteered/mentored in (Young Women's, Junk Drawer Races, First Nations, Metis & Inuit (FNMI), Skills Ontario Competition, etc., and timeframes).
- Be sure to include specific stories, initiatives and activities the nominee inspired or was involved in.
- Nominations that are incomplete will not be considered.

All nominations must be received by October 16, 2026.

A committee of judges will be selected to review the nominations and decide on a winner. The decision of judges will be final. The winner will be notified prior to the 2026 Skills Ontario Appreciation Event and will be invited to attend the event with a couple of guests.

All submissions must be sent to the attention of: Gael Loro, Glenn Beatty Award: gloro@skillsontario.com