Cadet Medals



Air Cadet Service Medal

The Air Cadet League of Canada created this award to recognize continuous meritorious cadet service of at least four years by deserving air cadets.

To qualify for this award, a serving cadet must have successfully completed four years of honourable service with no serious infractions, and be recommended by their Squadron's Commanding Officer.

Air Cadets are also eligible to receive a Bar for the Air Cadet Service Medal for each year of training completed beyond the four year qualifying period. A rosette will also be provided for the undress ribbon.



Order of St. George Medal

The Order of St. George will award a medal to honour Staff Cadets who distinguish themselves in their exemplary contribution at a CTC or at a Junior Canadian Ranger Enhanced Training Session during the summer training period.



Army, Navy And Air Force Veterans In Canada (ANAVETS) Cadet Medal Of Merit

ANAVETS, as a legacy to its desire to promote excellence and awareness of the Canadian Cadet Organization (CCO), have established the ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit.



One medal will be awarded to the top cadet, for each course at each CTC even if the cadet has already received the ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit for another course. Cadets who receive more than one ANAVETS medal are authorized to wear only one ANAVETS medal on their uniform.



Air Force Association Of Canada Cadet Medal

The Air Force Association of Canada (AFAC) has established annual awards to be presented to Air cadets for excellence demonstrated on the Glider Pilot Scholarship (GPS) and the Power Pilot Scholarship (PPS).

One medal shall be awarded to the top cadet on both the GPS and the PPS at each of the five Regional Gliding Schools; this means five medals for the GPS and five medals for the PPS for a total of ten medals each year.



Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence

The RCL Cadet Medal of Excellence is awarded annually at the squadron level to the cadet who has shown the highest degree of participation and leadership in the area of citizenship, which contributes to meeting and enhancing the aims and objectives of the Cadet Organization.



Lord Strathcona Medal

The Lord Strathcona Medal is the highest award which can normally be bestowed upon a cadet. It is awarded annually to cadets/JCRs at the squadron level to recognize exemplary performance in physical training, service, performance, example to cadets, and excellence as a cadet. The medal, Certificate of Merit, and the lapel pin are awarded by the Lord Strathcona Trust.

The award is not, however, mandatory to award annually, and will only be awarded based on the availability of a candidate deemed suitable by the Commanding Officer, in consultation with squadron staff and the SSC.



Cadet Medal for Bravery

The Cadet Award of Bravery may be awarded to a cadet who performs an outstanding deed of valour involving risk of life in attempting to save the life or property of others.

Note* this award should, by no means, be sought after by cadets.

Cadet Certificate of Commendation



The Cadet Certificate of Commendation may be awarded by the Canadian Forces to an Air Cadet for outstanding gallantry in saving lives or property of others. This pin is worn over the left breast pocket, below any Canadian Honours or pilot wings.

Ribbon Arrangements



Three Ribbon Arrangement



Four Ribbon Arrangement



Five Ribbon Arrangement



Six Ribbon Arrangement

All Cadet medals are worn over your right breast pocket, under the name-tag. It is illegal in Canada to wear medals not earned by oneself; even if they were earned by relatives. Medals are worn in order of precedence; with the highest ranking medals worn closest to the centre of the chest and above other medals. Cadet medals are worn in rows of three. In exceptional circumstances, cadets can also receive medals that are apart of the Official Canadian Medals & Honours System. This is subject to the CO's approval, but is not by any means normally done.

