

# Canadian Cadet Organizations

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CJCR Gp Order 5027-4, The Lord Strathcona Medal

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## 1. Identification

**Date of Issue:** 2020-10-01

**Date of Verification:** n/a

**Application:** This is an order that applies to members of the Canadian Cadet Organizations and members of the Canadian Armed Forces; and a directive that applies to civilian instructors, accredited volunteers, and employees of the Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers.

**Supersession:** CATO 13-16 Annex D, *Lord Strathcona Medal*

**Approval Authority:** This order is issued under the authority of the Comd CJCR.

**Office of Primary Interest (OPI):** DComd CJCR

**Enquiries:** Strathcona Trust Executive Council Secretary

## 2. Abbreviations

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Complete Word or Phrase</b>
CRPG	Canadian Ranger Patrol Groups
ETS	Enhanced Training Session
ST	Strathcona Trust

### **3. General**

3.1 The Lord Strathcona Medal is one of the highest awards which can be bestowed upon a cadet/JCR. It is awarded annually to cadets/JCRs to recognize exemplary performance in physical training as well as their service, performance, example and excellence as a cadet/JCR.

3.2 The Lord Strathcona Medal, the certificate and the lapel pin are awarded through the Lord Strathcona Trust.

#### **Requirements**

3.3 Each corps/sqn/patrol may only award one medal per training year. Awarding of the medal is not mandatory and an individual may only be awarded the medal once.

3.4 CJCR HQ H&R Committee Secretary will ship medals to the RCSUs/CRPGs annually. The number of medals provided will coincide with the number of corps/squadrons/patrols in the RCSU/CRPG. Should RCSUs/CRPGs have any medals in their possession from the previous year, the normal distribution allotment will be reduced by that amount. CJCR HQ H&R Committee Secretary will ensure medals, certificates and lapel pins are provided to the RCSU/CRPG NLT 1 March annually.

3.5 The Lord Strathcona Medal, certificate and lapel pin will be provided to the cadet corps/sqn/patrol through the applicable RCSU/CRPG. A certificate, with the signature of the Chair of the Strathcona Trust Executive Council is to be presented with the medal and lapel pin.

### **4. Description of Medal**

4.1 This decoration consists of a circular copper medallion with ribbon. On the obverse, in relief, is the effigy of Lord Strathcona, below the motto AGMINA DUCENS. On the reverse, the inscription "Strathcona Trust – Cadets of Canada" along the edge and "Honneur au mérite" at the centre. The ribbon, 3.2 cm (1.25 inches) wide, has three vertical burgundy stripes separated by two vertical green stripes. This medal is presented with an undress ribbon.

### **5. Selection Process**

#### **Criteria**

5.1 The recipient must have a comprehensive knowledge of the activities of the Cadet/JCR Program and must meet the following requirements:

- a. display a high level of physical fitness;
- b. have completed three years as a cadet/JCR;
- c. have completed all requirements of their corps/sqn/patrol training program in the year of nomination; and
- d. be regarded by peers and supervisors as exemplifying the model cadet/JCR.

## **Selection Procedure**

5.2 The Corps/Sqn CO should seek nominee recommendations from cadets, Corps/Sqn staff and sponsoring committee members working in support of the corps/sqn. The Patrol Leader should seek nominee recommendations from JCRs, Patrol staff and the Adult Committee. Recommendations should be discussed to establish how each nominee meets the criteria outlined in paragraph 5.1. Every use should be made of evaluations, course reports, and evidence of achievements to assist in determining the merit of the individual under consideration. The Corps/Sqn CO or Patrol Leader supported by the Sponsoring/Adult Committee Chair will then determine which cadet/JCR, respectively, will be nominated for the award.

5.3 Recommendations are to be forwarded through the chain of command NLT 30 April to the applicable RCSU/CRPG. Designated RCSU/CRPG staff will ensure that the medals, certificates and lapel pins are forwarded to the corps/sqns/patrols.

5.4 RCSUs/CRPGs will provide a list of all medal recipients to the CJCR HQ, c/o the Strathcona Trust Executive Council (EC) Secretary, NLT 1 July annually. The list will be consolidated by the Strathcona Trust EC Secretary and presented to the Strathcona Trust EC at the Annual General Meeting, in the fall of the year, for review and discussion.

## **6. Medal Presentation**

6.1 A narrative to be read by the presenter of the Lord Strathcona Medal, containing a brief historical account of the award, is provided at Annex A. In addition, specific information about Lord Strathcona and the award is available at Annex A, for inclusion in event programs, where award presentations will be made.

## **7. Replacement of Medals**

7.1 If lost or stolen, a replacement medal and undress ribbon may be obtained by sending a cheque or money order in an amount equivalent to the current cost of the medal, to be paid to the order of "Lord Strathcona Trust Fund", to the address below. Inquiries regarding the current cost of the medal may be made to the Strathcona Trust Executive Council Secretary..

Strathcona Trust Executive Council Secretary

CJCR HQ

National Defence Headquarters

101 Colonel By Drive

Ottawa, ON KIA 0K2

7.2 This request must include the name of the person requesting the medal, telephone number and the address where the medal is to be sent. Proof that the medal has in fact been presented must accompany the request (e.g. photocopy of the Strathcona Trust certificate, newspaper clippings, picture, etc). If no proof is available, the Application for Replacement found at Annex B must be completed and sent along with the request.

7.3 Cadets/JCRs who have already been awarded other medals and wish to have them court mounted, may submit a request for a 10.16 cm (4 inch) piece of ribbon, using the address in paragraph 7.1, and it will be mailed to them free of charge.

## **8. Publication**

### **Frequency of Publication**

8.1. Annual or more frequent review and updates, as required.

### **Errors/Omissions or Suggestions**

8.2. Users of CJCR Gp Orders are encouraged to identify any errors, omissions, or suggested orders to the attention of Natl CJCR Sp Gp HQ J1 Policy.

## **9. References**

### **Source References**

- A-CR-CCP-050/PT-001, *JCR Programme Program Guidance*
- Constitution of the LSTF, Annex A to Briefing Note for the Minister, dated 19 Aug 1985

## **10. Annexes**

### **Annex A**

Lord Strathcona Medal Presentation Narrative and Program Content

### **Annex B**

Application for Replacement Lord Strathcona Medal

