

ARRL International Humanitarian Award

The ARRL Board established the ARRL International Humanitarian Award as follows (1984 Annual Meeting):

I. In as much as Amateur Radio operators provide public service and promote international goodwill and understanding, this award is dedicated to those amateurs who, through Amateur Radio, are devoted to promoting the welfare of mankind. To help all people, both Amateur Radio operators and others, to understand the purpose and importance of this award, it shall be called, the "ARRL INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD."

II. The selection of the recipient of the award shall be made by a committee appointed by the President of the ARRL and shall serve at his or her pleasure for the term of office.

III. Any licensed Radio Amateur, worldwide, or group of amateurs who, by use of his or her skills of Amateur Radio, have provided extraordinary service for the benefit of others in times of crisis or disaster, is qualified to receive the award.

IV. Nominations for the award will be accepted by the committee, up until December 31 of each year, from a licensed Radio Amateur or any governmental organization that has received the benefits of the radio amateur's extraordinary service. In the event that no nominations are received, the committee may determine possible recipients or may decide to make no award in a given year.

Nominations must contain the following:

1. A summary of the actions of the nominee, which qualify the recipient of the award.
2. Statements from at least two references including names and addresses for verification.

V. The award is to include the following elements:

1. An appropriate plaque or medallion to be presented at the ARRL National Convention or presented at the recipient's home convention.
2. An article describing the recipient and his or her extraordinary achievements is to be written for use in consumer magazines.

VI. ARRL will seek voluntary contributions to create an endowment to fund the award, with suitable recognition to be given to donors. Should the expenses of administering the award exceed the income available from the endowment, these expenses will be reimbursed as authorized by the ARRL Board.

*Note: As of 2024, there was no endowment established.

VII. Because of the importance of this award to promoting international friendship among not only Amateur Radio operators but all persons of the world, extreme care must also be taken to ensure that each recipient is deserving of the award. Therefore, the committee will be responsible for the verification of the nominations, with the most rigorous scrutiny given to finalists in the selection process.