

Alan D. Ridge Publications Awards Alberta Society of Archivists

Purpose:

The award is named in honour of Alan D. Ridge, Provincial Archivist of Alberta from 1968 to 1984. His active involvement in archives and records management in England, Canada, and the United States has provided leadership and stimulation to the archival community in Alberta and beyond.

The award is given as recognition and reward to those who have published material of a high quality and scholarly nature which promotes, discusses, or analyzes topics relevant to the archival profession.

Awards:

1. CASH AWARD

One cash prize of \$250.00 or prizes of varying amounts, as considered appropriate.

2. SPECIAL AWARD OF MERIT

Eligibility of Entrants

1. Member of the archival or related profession such as: an employee of or volunteer in a recognized archival institution, an archivist emeritus, a student in a recognized program of archival studies, or an administrator of a recognized archival institution.
2. Resident of the Province of Alberta.
3. Consideration may be given to non-residents who write on topics specific to archives in Alberta.

Types of Publications Eligible:

A scholarly work of research, opinion, analysis, on some aspect of archives studies, records management, archival institutions, and the archival profession.

Such a work may take the form of a book, brochure, manual, pamphlet, or article in a periodical, journal, or other such publication, which has general and public distribution.

Works authored on behalf of the Society or archival institutions are not eligible for the cash award, but are eligible for the Special Award of Merit.

Other Conditions of Eligibility:

Prizes are of a one-time nature, and therefore published works which have already been awarded an Alberta Society of Archivists prize are not eligible for another.

Entrants may submit more than one published work, but each one will be judged individually.

Eligible material must have been published in the preceding twenty-four months.

Judging:

The works submitted shall be judged by a committee of three, established by the Alberta Society of Archivists Executive, two of whom must be members of the Alberta Society of Archivists and active members of the archival profession.

Judges cannot consider works which they have either written or to which they have given substantial direct assistance.

In judging, consideration shall be given to the quality of the work, the depth of its supporting research, the extent of its distribution, and the freshness of its approach.

Awards will be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Society of Archivists.

It was appropriate that Alan Ridge was present to witness the first presentations, which took place on 15 April 1989. The recipients of the Cash Award were Hermina Joldersma and Richard Klumpenhauer, editors and translators of Hans Booms' article "Society and the Formation of a Documentary Heritage: Issues in the Appraisal of Archival Sources," published in the Summer 1987 issue of *Archivaria*. Two publications won Special Awards of Merit: Brian M. Owens and Claude M. Roberto, eds., *A Guide to the Archives of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Province of Alberta-Saskatchewan*, published in March 1989; and *Alberta's Archives: Needs Assessment and Planning Study Report*, a March 1988 publication of the Alberta Archives Council.