

SIR EDMUND HILLARY MOUNTAIN LEGACY MEDAL

2008 Nomination Form

DESCRIPTION OF MEDAL

The Sir Edmund Hillary Mountain Legacy Medal was initiated in 2003 both in order to recognize Sir Edmund's life-long commitment to the welfare of mountain people and their environment and also to encourage the continuing emulation of his example. Sir Edmund's contributions and the work of the foundations he founded or inspired in New Zealand, Canada, the United States and Germany have resulted in the construction of some thirty schools, two airstrips, two hospitals and eleven village clinics as well as a reforestation program in Sagarmatha National Park. Authorized by Sir Edmund Hillary himself, the Sir Edmund Hillary Mountain Legacy Medal was initiated in 2003 by Mountain Legacy, a Nepalese NGO (www.mountainlegacy.org).

NOMINATION DEADLINE

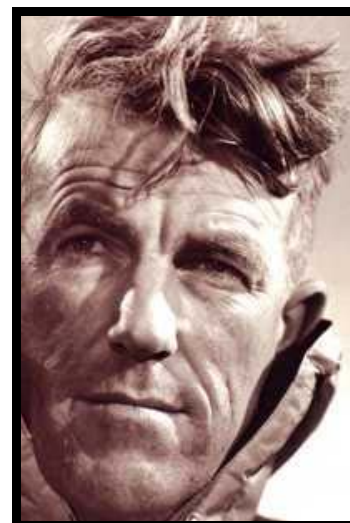
Nominations and supporting material, whether submitted in hardcopy or electronic form, are due by midnight (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on Friday, February 22, 2008.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Sir Edmund Hillary Mountain Legacy Medal is awarded "for remarkable service in the conservation of culture and nature in remote mountainous regions."

- Nominees working in remote mountainous regions anywhere in the world are eligible.
- As the award is for both cultural and environmental conservation, nominees should be working in inhabited remote mountain regions.
- One purpose of this award is to draw attention to efforts that are in need of broader support; therefore nominees should be currently engaged in such a project.
- Nominations of third parties as well as self-nominations will be accepted.
- Hillary Medal recipients cannot be re-nominated; however, unsuccessful candidates may be re-nominated without prejudice.
- Two or more individuals may share a joint nomination if equal credit is due for the same project(s); however, in such a case only one medal will be awarded.
- The identities of nominators and of unsuccessful nominees shall remain confidential.

Please refer to 'Explanatory Notes' for additional information.



Sir Edmund Hillary



Hillary Medal

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. There is no universally accepted definition of *mountain*. For the purpose of this award, the term will embrace isolated peaks such as Mt. Kilimanjaro, ranges such as the European Alps, and also high plateaus such as the Chang Tang of Tibet. Sea mounts are excluded from consideration except those whose above-water extent and form resembles that of a land-based mountain. In debatable situations, the decision of the Chair of the Selection Committee shall be definitive.
2. The Selection Committee recognises that there are fewer and fewer areas that one may consider 'remote' in the same sense as those locales and communities where Sir Edmund Hillary conducted his initial philanthropic work. However, 'remote' in the context of this medal is considered by the Selection Committee to refer to areas where accessibility is a tremendous challenge and that local infrastructure and resources (e.g. financial, qualified practitioners/professionals) are minimal or non-existent.
3. 'Inhabited' refers to permanent and/or seasonal settlement of any remote mountain area.
4. Organisations as such are not eligible to receive this Medal. However, individuals working within an organisation are eligible.
5. Nominators should present the nominee's achievements in an accurate and persuasive fashion. If deemed necessary, the Selection Committee will verify submitted information and seek out additional evidence. Nomination material will not be returned.
6. The Hillary Medal Selection Committee is not obliged to award the Medal if the Selection Committee deems that no candidate meets the eligibility criteria and/or that insufficient supporting or verifiable evidence of a nominee's achievements was provided or otherwise available.
7. The Chair of the Selection Committee will notify the nominator by email upon receipt of the nomination. The successful nominee will be notified of the award in late March.
8. The Hillary Medal is to be presented to the 2008 recipient at the Tengboche Monastery, Khumbu District, Nepal, on May 29, 2008. The presentation ceremony is to be part of the 55th anniversary celebrations of the first successful ascent of Mt. Everest. It is hoped, but not required, that the 2008 recipient will attend the presentation ceremony. The Chair of the Selection Committee will provide advice with trip planning, but travel expenses are not included in the award.

NOMINEE'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:			
Address:		Post/Zip Code:	
Telephone Number:	Business hours:	After hours:	
Email:			

PERSON MAKING NOMINATION (LEAVE BLANK IF THIS IS A SELF-NOMINATION)

Name:			
Address:		Post/Zip Code:	
Telephone Number:	Business hours:	After hours:	
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DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S WORK

Please describe the nominee's cultural and environmental conservation work in remote mountainous regions (1000 words or less). Include organisational affiliation(s), locations of work, relevant dates, publications, and any other information that may assist the Selection Committee. Attach additional sheets if needed.

NOMINATOR DECLARATION

"The information provided in this nomination form is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and a true representation of the nominee's work."

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Please include this declaration with material posted, emailed or faxed to the Hillary Medal Selection Committee.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION

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