

SIR EDMUND HILLARY MOUNTAIN LEGACY MEDAL

THE HILLARY MEDAL

The Sir Edmund Hillary Mountain Legacy Medal is awarded for "remarkable service in the conservation of culture and nature in mountain regions" in any part of the world.

MISSION OF THE HILLARY MEDAL

To recognise and promote outstanding individual achievement in the conservation of culture and nature in mountain regions.

BACKGROUND TO THE HILLARY 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 established 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. The Hillary Medal was officially authorized by Sir Edmund Hillary in 2003 and is supported by Peter Hillary on behalf of the Hillary family. The 2010 Hillary Medal will be the fourth in the series. The Hillary Medal is a project of Mountain Legacy, a Nepalese NGO, registration number 1018/060-61 (www.mountainlegacy.org).

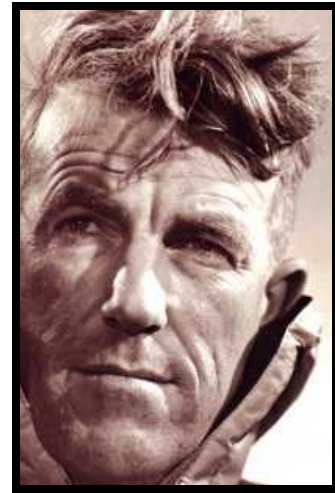
In the past the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal has been awarded to individuals working on projects in the Solu-Khumbu. However, this location is but one area amongst this world's mountain regions. It must be highlighted that the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal may be awarded to individuals working on cultural and environmental conservation projects in mountain regions anywhere in the world.

FORMER HILLARY MEDAL RECIPIENTS

2008: Mr. Anthony John Freake, JP (affectionately know as 'Papa Tony' by his Sherpa friends) received the Hillary Medal for his housing efforts in the village of Phortse, Nepal and numerous development projects including a health clinic, hydroelectric plant and electricity supply system, a Tibetan Buddhist monastery, youth club, drinking water supply system, multipurpose community building and educational scholarships.

2006: Dr. Alton C Byers was awarded the Hillary Medal for his efforts in founding and directing programs in the Huascarán National Park, Peru; working with the Nepali government to establish the Makalu-Barun National Park and his bringing awareness to the critical environmental damage that was occurring in the alpine meadow and sub-alpine ecosystems with his project "Community-Based Conservation and Restoration of the Everest Alpine Zone Project".

2003: Michael Schmitz and Helen Cawley, were awarded the Hillary Medal, who for the previous decade had been working on keystone cultural and ecological projects in the Solu-Khumbu area of Nepal. Their work entailed assessing the requirements of the recently reconstructed Tengboche Monastery and implementing improvements including drinking water supply, sanitary facilities, porter lodge, accommodations for the monks, information centre, clinic staffed by trained amchi (traditional Tibetan medicine specialist), reforestation, and conservation of endangered species.



Sir Edmund Hillary



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Nominees working in mountain regions anywhere in the world are eligible.
- As the award is for both cultural and environmental conservation, nominees should be working in inhabited 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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. It can be difficult to understand what type(s) of works may be considered for the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal. If in doubt please contact the Chair of the Sir Edmund Hillary Mountain Legacy Medal for clarification.
2. 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.
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. The Selection Committee highlights that the Khumjung School project lays the foundation for which the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal is awarded; grassroots efforts and individual sustained commitment. Therefore, nominators should also draw to the Selection Committee's attention the nominee's 'grassroots' efforts and individual sustained commitment to cultural and environmental conservation in mountain regions.
6. If deemed necessary, the Selection Committee will verify submitted information and seek out additional evidence.
7. Nominations and supporting material, whether submitted in hardcopy or electronic form, are due no later than 11:00pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on Monday 08 March, 2010.
8. The Chair of the Selection Committee will notify the nominator by email upon receipt of the nomination. Nomination material will not be returned.
9. The successful nominee will be notified of the award in late March, 2010.
10. 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 not provided or otherwise available.
11. The Hillary Medal is planned to be presented to the 2010 recipient at an award event in mid-2010. The 2010 award will include one, roundtrip economy, air ticket and accommodation to facilitate the honouree's participation in the Hillary Medal Presentation in Melbourne, Australia.
12. While in Melbourne, the 2010 Hilary Medal recipient will be invited to discuss the work already accomplished and plans for the future, both informally and also at a formal lecture at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

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:	
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DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S WORK

Please describe the nominee's cultural and environmental conservation work in mountainous regions (4000 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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