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**MARGARET MCWILLIAMS AWARDS 2004  
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

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**Award recognizes excellence in writing on Manitoba history**

**November 24, 2004 (Winnipeg, MB)** – The Manitoba Historical Society is now receiving nominations for the 2004 Margaret McWilliams Awards, with a deadline of 15 December 2004.

The award, one of Canada's oldest book prizes, was created in 1955 to honour noted Manitoba feminist, historian, and author Margaret Stovell McWilliams (1875-1952). She was first President of the Canadian Federation of University Women in 1919, President of the Women's Canadian Club in 1922, President of the Manitoba Historical Society from 1944 to 1948, and Winnipeg's second female Alderman from 1933 to 1940. McWilliams was the author of *Manitoba Milestones* (1928), *If I Were King of Canada* (1931), and *This New Canada* (1948).

The Margaret McWilliams Awards recognize excellence in writing on Manitoba and its history. Awards are given annually for outstanding contributions in the categories of scholarly book, popular book, historical fiction, local history, organization/association/institution history, post-secondary essay, post-secondary thesis, special project or display, audio/visual/web, and short articles published in magazines and scholarly journals. Awards will be presented by the Honourable John Harvard P.C., O.M., Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba at a ceremony in April 2005.

“As the recipient of a Margaret McWilliams award, I can testify personally to the pleasure it gave me to have my work recognized by one of the oldest book awards in Canada, sponsored by one of the nation's oldest historical societies”, said prominent Manitoba historian Dr. J. M. Bumsted.

Nomination forms for the 2004 McWilliams Awards are available from the web site of the Manitoba Historical Society ([www.mhs.mb.ca](http://www.mhs.mb.ca)) or from its office in Winnipeg's historic Exchange District.

The Manitoba Historical Society, founded in 1879, is the oldest historical organization in Western Canada and the second-oldest in Canada.

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