

Edge Spirit Award Nomination Form 2025

The Edge Spirit Award was created in March of 2014 and will be awarded each year at the Hamilton Charity of Hope Gala dinner.

Overview: *The Edge Spirit Award in memory of Morris Mercanti recognizes an outstanding high-school aged individual that embodies the same values of Charity of Hope co-founder, Mr. Morris Mercanti. A business icon, a community leader, a family man, and a friend to many who needed a helping hand, Morris Mercanti made the lives of everybody around him better.*



A bursary in the amount of \$2000 will be provided to the successful recipient in honour of Morris Mercanti.

Individuals applying for the Edge Spirit Award must demonstrate the following values:

- 1) An Endurance to Overcome Obstacles
- 2) A Positive Attitude that Inspires Others
- 3) A Pursuit of Continuous Learning and Education
- 4) A Competitive Edge

Nominating Process:

- Nominations forms will be made available on the Charity of Hope website.
- Forms must be submitted by high school principals, guidance councillors or not-for-profit organizations.
- The runner-up in the nomination process will receive the **“BETTERMAN award.”** This award is in honour of Tony DePaulo Jr who was a kind, giving person that had the ability to make everyone around him smile. This award is in the amount of \$500.00 and given to a deserving student (male or female) who exemplifies what it means to have hope in the face of adversity.
- Permission from the individual must be obtained before submitting the nomination.
- Each high school principal, guidance councillor or not-for-profit executive director will be asked to choose one nomination from their school/organization that best exemplifies the four values above.
- **Nominations must be submitted to the Charity of Hope, by Friday, March 7th, 2025, to**

lamparskij@hwcdsb.ca

- The Edge Spirit Award team of The Charity of Hope will review each application and submit 5 names to a selection committee
- The selection committee will then recommend the candidate that they feel best exemplifies the individual who best matches the criteria.
- The Board of Directors will advise the Executive Director to inform the school or Not-for-Profit director involved and the recipients will both be invited to attend the Charity of Hope Gala to receive the awards.
- A scoring scale from 1 to 5 (lowest to highest) will be assigned by the committee members and a winner will be selected.
- The winner and nominator will be contacted prior to the event and must be present at the event to accept the award.
- Due to the high volume of nominees, we are unable to contact everyone. If you have not received a phone call by April 4th, 2025, unfortunately, you were not selected.

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Please answer the following questions in a word document.

Name:

Age:

Full Address:

School:

Phone #:

Email Address:

I believe he/she fulfills the Values required for the Edge Award as follows:

(please give as much detail as possible about the candidate)

An Endurance to Overcome Obstacles:

A Positive Attitude that Inspires Others:

A Pursuit of Continuous Learning and Education:

A Competitive Edge:

Has the Nominee been notified: ___ yes ___ no

Is the Nominee willing to share his/her story ___ yes ___ no

Is the Nominee able to attend the event on April 25th, 2025 ___ yes ___ no

Name of Nominator:

Nominator's Contact Information (email and phone number):

Date of this application:

Please email the Charity of Hope at lamparskij@hwcdsb.ca or call (905) 928-9656 if you have any questions.