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**Independent Awards Panel**

**Nomination & Criteria Information**

**The Masters Award & The TSSS Ambassadors Award**

## **Guidance Notes & Conditions of Entry**

### **The Keith and Marian Masters Award for Achievement & The TSSS Ambassador Award & The Emma Woods Memorial Butterfly Award**

#### **The Objectives of the Awards**

- To establish an annual recognised award through which the TSSS can acknowledge and reward outstanding achievement by a person or persons, either for themselves or for others.
- To highlight motivating role models to inspire and educate others within the society.

#### **The Nomination Process**

Any member of the society may choose to nominate a person or persons who he/she believes deserve recognition for achievement during the award year. The following restrictions will apply:

- Only one nomination (single/joint) per member per year for each award will be considered.
- Nominations submitted in prior years may be resubmitted by means of a fresh application.
- Only nominations submitted on the official application form will be considered.
- Nominations forms can be obtained from the TSSS website ([www.tss.org.uk](http://www.tss.org.uk)) or by contacting Arlene Smyth at TSSS Head Office (Tel – 0141-952-8006). The Awards will be presented at the Annual TSSS Conference.

#### ***Judging Criteria for: - The Keith & Marian Masters Award for Achievement***

*In awarding the prize the TSSS Independent Awards Panel will focus on the impact the nominees' achievements have made. There are no rigid criteria for nominations. The following are examples of types of achievement that could be recognised but other examples will be equally deserving:*

- \* *Those who show remarkable spirit or courage.*
- \* *Those whose achievements have been exceptional and well beyond what might reasonably be expected from someone in that situation.*
- \* *Those who have shown excellence in a specific field (sport, education, fundraising etc)*
- \* *Those who have demonstrated leadership.*
- \* *Those who have been unusually responsive to the needs of the society. This may include professionals who have developed creative and innovative approaches to solving problems that are capable of wider imitation and replication or whose research or exceptional support has benefited TS girls or women.*
- \* *Those who have contributed excellent ideas that help improve the charity or assist TSSS girls/women in any way whatsoever.*

#### ***Judging Criteria for: - The TSSS Ambassadors Award***

- \* *Those whose efforts have been exceptional.*
- \* *Those who have shown excellence in a specific field (sport, education, fundraising etc)*
- \* *Those who have been unusually responsive to the needs of the society. This may include professionals who have promoted the TSSS to patients.*
- \* *Those who have raised awareness in difficult family circumstances*
- \* *Those who have shown excellence in fundraising efforts*

## **Judging Criteria for: - The Emma Woods Memorial Butterfly Award**

- \* Those who are between 12 & 25 years old*
- \* Those who have shown exceptional peer support throughout the year*
- \* This may be at Friendship Groups, Open Days, Conference or at school*

## **Judging Assessment**

All nominations will be assessed by the TSSS independent awards panel at their sole discretion.

## **Eligibility**

- \* Nominees must be resident in the UK.
- \* Nominees must be a member of the TSSS or should have close links with the society (including partners or medical professionals).
- \* Previous award winners may not be nominated for the award in the year following receipt.

## **Timing of nominations**

**In order to be considered for the Award completed nomination forms must be forwarded to Head Office by 31st August each year.**

## **Confidentiality**

All nominations will be treated in the strictest confidence. You may wish to inform your nominee that they have been nominated however, this may raise expectations that may not be met. If you do inform your nominee, please indicate that you have done so on the nomination form.

## **Completing the nomination form**

Once obtained please complete the nomination form fully and accurately. It is important that you provide as much information as possible about your nominee and try to explain what the actual effect and outcomes of their achievements have been, and where possible provide supporting examples.

## **Enquiries**

Further enquiries relating to Awards should be directed to any of the Trustees, Committee Members or Executive Officer.

## **Conditions of Entry**

All material submitted as part of any nomination and the copyright thereof shall become the property of the TSSS. You are consenting to allow the TSSS to store details in line with our privacy policy. No nomination will be returned.

Submission of a nomination form to the TSSS is deemed acceptance of these conditions and agreement to be bound by them.

The TSSS reserves the right to change these conditions at any time by posting changes either online through the TSSS website or via ASPECTS.

## Meet your independent awards panel.



Lynne Morris – Chair of the panel. I have been associated with TS for over twenty years initially through work but latterly as a volunteer helping to set up the TSSS, becoming a Trustee, and then Chairman for three years. I edited ASPECTS from the beginning until handing over in 2003. I also helped to organise the very successful International TS conference hosted by the UK in 1997. Throughout the years I have made many dear friends as a result of being involved with those with TS and those who care for them. I have often said and heard others echo the sentiment that once you have met someone with TS you are captured for life. I am thrilled to be asked once again to help and to join the Awards Panel. It has been a very great privilege to read the nominee's stories and as always they are a true inspiration to us all.



Fiona Smith -I got to know about the TSSS through Arlene and being 'the Rep' for one of the GH companies for 26 years. I have now been retired for 5 years- but still have an interest in the area. I have been greatly inspired by both Arlene and the Society over the years- I think you are an amazing bunch of people - I have learned so much from you.

One of my biggest achievements in life (for a couch potato!) was to run the Glasgow Woman's 10K in 1hour and 15 seconds to raise some funds for the charity. I was delighted to be asked to help out with the judging for the awards.

So a bit more about me personally- I am married to Ian- we met 36 years ago last July, and we currently live on the South side of Glasgow We have three adorable little mini wire-haired dachshund girls-Misha, Mitzi and young Lilly who are the loves of our lives. My hobbies are Bridge, photography, cooking and reading.



David Bennett, I have supported the TSSS since its birth. At that time, I was responsible within the Paediatric Endocrine team of the Swedish pharmaceutical company, Pharmacia, for managing our education programmes and working relationships with patient organisations. I played my part in a respectful association between industry, academia, clinical medicine and patient groups. This experience started an interest in rare (and orphan) disorders that has persisted to this day. For so many of these conditions there is a need to mobilise basic research to gain a better understanding of the disease process; organise medical care; foster dialogue between a variety of healthcare professionals, and when a treatment becomes available make it possible for patients to access the medication.

I strongly believe that development of the TSSS provides a role model for the way a patient support and campaign group should be developed. It is an honour to be involved in the recognition of some outstanding individual efforts that has made the TSSS such a brilliant success.



John Short, retired Marketing Director, Harlow Printing Limited 20 years developing the red book (PCHR) with the Royal College Paediatric Child Health (RCPCH) . Life member of Downs Syndrome Medical Interest Group (DSMIG). Board member of the Well Being Foundation, developing health systems to reduce child and maternal mortality in Nigeria. Member of RCPCH appointed expert working group developing and designing growth charts for the UK. I have been a member of the Turner Syndrome Society since it began. Worked in partnership to develop and print support materials. Worked in partnership with CGF designed and published UK 90 growth charts. I was proud to Honorary Fellowship to the RCPCH in April

Although now retired I wish to retain my interest and partnership with those committed to improving child health and those with special conditions such as Turners Syndrome