

Era Fashion Literary Award

1. Purpose. The purpose of the Era Fashion Literary Award is to honor a MAFCA member who has written and had published in *The Restorer* an article on era fashions which is deserving of recognition. In the event the winning article is co-authored, multiple awards will be given.
2. Requirements. The recipient of this award must be a MAFCA member. The article shall be well documented, approved by the Fashion Editor and Era Fashion Committee (EFC) Chairperson and pertinent to Model A Ford Era Fashions. The individual winning the award in any biannual period shall remain eligible to receive future awards for subsequent articles.
3. Selection Criteria. Each article under consideration shall be judged on its own merits and not against or in conjunction with any other article. Consideration should be given to:
 - A. Originality. Is it new subject matter, or is it a new and improved treatment of known material?
 - B. Is the article well written, and, if appropriate, well illustrated?
 - C. Did the author do the pertinent research necessary and available to adequately cover the topic?
 - D. Was the article properly submitted, double spaced, properly punctuated, and spelled correctly?
 - E. Were illustrations, if used, reproducible and properly identified?
4. Judging.
 - A. The Fashion Literary Award will be presented at MAFCA's biannual National Convention. Fashion articles to be considered for this award shall be those published during the preceding twenty four months ending with the May/June issue immediately preceding the Convention. In the first period (following adoption of this policy) Fashion articles in those issues of *The Restorer*, including the May/June issue preceding the International Convention will be considered.
 - B. Selection of a recipient of this award shall be conducted by the past three Era Fashion Chairpersons, the current Restorer Fashion Editor, and the current Era Fashion Chairperson.
 - C. Articles written by the current MAFCA Fashion Editor and EFC Chairperson are not eligible for the award. Articles written during the period of eligibility by prior EFC Chairpersons shall be eligible for the award; however, that Chairperson shall not serve as a judge during the current award cycle.

5. Balloting. A ballot will be distributed by the Publications Director to each of the current and past three EFC Chairpersons and to the Fashion Editor, listing each eligible article as determined by the current EFC Chair, and the issue in which the article was printed. Each judge will be asked to list his/her top three choices in order, first through third. Incomplete ballots will not be counted.

Ballots will be mailed out the second week of May. Ballots will be returned to the Publications Director for evaluation by June 10th.

Selection will be by the following method:

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| 1st place selection | 3 points |
| 2nd place selection | 2 points |
| 3rd place selection | 1 point |

The article with the highest total score is the winner. In the case of a tie, the EFC Chairperson and the Fashion Editor shall break the tie and select the winner.

6. Award and Presentation. The Era Fashion Literary Award is to be presented biannually at the major fashion event scheduled at the National Convention. The award shall be presented by MAFCA's Era Fashion Committee Chairperson or designee, and shall be announced in the subsequent issue of ***The Restorer***. An appropriate plaque for this award will be supplied by MAFCA.
7. Notification to Recipient. The winner (recipient) of this award shall be notified in time to attend the National Meet at their own expense and receive the award in person, should he or she choose to do so.
8. Administration. The Chairperson of the Era Fashion Committee shall assume responsibility for administration of this policy and will advise the appropriate director of any difficulties in carrying out this responsibility.

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