



## Durham's Finest Trees Official Rules

1. Trees must be within Durham City or Durham County limits.
2. Nominator must submit a completed form on or before Oct. 1, 2016.
3. \*Category: Categories are define as follows:
  - Large:  
Trees are nominated and selected for this category based on their large size for that particular species. Since the size of a tree varies with the species, nominees are compared only with others of the same species. Note: multiple awards may be given for different species each year.
  - Historical:  
This tree must be specifically associated with a significant historical event or location, notable people, development of the nation, state, county or city, eminent educators/educational institution, churches and religion, early forest and conservation, art, artists, literature and writers, law, music, science, or the cultural life of the nation, state, county, city (appropriate documentation is required). Age is estimated only but not a critical component of this criteria.
  - Meritorious:  
This category accommodates special trees in a variety of situations such as unique size, structure, a point of interest or other significant story.
4. Nominator must obtain permission from private land owner in order to nominate tree. This is not required for trees on public land.
5. Nominator has filled out the information to the best of her/his knowledge.
6. Trees must be of a species, subspecies, variety or cultivar proven to be relatively long-lived and adapted to our geographic region.
7. Trees must be of such health and condition, as judged by a representative of the Durham's Finest Trees Program, to have a reasonable prospect of continuing useful life.
8. Final selection for an award is determined by the Durham's Fine Trees committee based on specific rating system and criteria as well as recommendations of the jurors who are professional arborists or foresters.