

The Berenice Page Medal Call for nominations

The Astronomical Society of Australia awards the Berenice Page Medal for excellence in amateur astronomy in Australia and its territories. It is normally awarded every two years for scientific contributions by an amateur astronomer that has served to advance astronomy.

The award was inaugurated by the Astronomical Society of Australia in 1972 in memory of Mrs Berenice Page, an exceptional amateur astronomer and a foundation member of the Society.

The Berenice Page Medal is presented at the biennial National Australian Convention of Amateur Astronomers (NACAA) by a representative of the ASA Council. The winner also receives one year's free membership of the ASA.

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Nominations are now open for the 2008 Berenice Page Medal. Please be aware that the award is specifically for scientific contributions that have served to advance astronomy. While the amateur astronomical community benefits greatly from members' organisational services, their popularisation of astronomy and their proficiency in established astronomical techniques, these qualities are not relevant to the award's criteria. Self nominations are permitted.

Nominations must include:

- a detailed description of the candidate's achievements, outlining as succinctly as possible the scientific results that the candidate has produced and the impact this has had on astronomy.
- a covering letter giving the candidate's full name, address and a brief summary of their association with astronomy and particular research interests.
- supporting material such as copies of papers, articles or books written by the candidate that substantiate their nomination.

Nominations should be addressed to:

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ASA Prizes and Awards Coordinator
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This information, Conditions of Entry for the award, and a list of past winners is available on the ASA website at <http://asa.astronomy.org.au/page.html>.

The closing date is **18 January 2008**.