



Clifton Park Tree Committee
Clifton Park, New York



Tree of Distinction Nomination Form

- Nominations may be submitted at any time of the year but close annually on October 1st.
- The nomination must be complete, including nomination form and required photo(s).
- Nominations for trees on private property require the consent of the property owner.

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Best Time(s) to Call: _____

Property Owner Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Best Time(s) to Call: _____

I consent to the nomination of my tree.

Tree Information:

Tree Address: _____

Location Notes: _____

Tree Species (Common or Botanical Name): _____

Approximate Height: _____ Circumference Around Tree (4.5' from the ground): _____

Noteworthy Aspects (ecological value; aesthetics): _____

The tree's story (if applicable): _____

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Thank you for your interest in the Clifton Park Tree Committee's **Tree of Distinction** program and for nominating one of our town's amazing trees! While you are preparing this nomination, please keep in mind the following:

Selection Criteria

A nominated tree may be located on public or private property and may be submitted by anyone. If the nominator is not the owner, the latter must give permission. The following factors will be taken into account when selecting a tree. A total of 25 points can be awarded to a nominated tree:

- **Approximate Age.** A nominated tree must be at least 50 years old. The approximate age should be determined by measuring the circumference of the tree 4.5 feet above the ground or natural grade.
<https://www.cliftonparkopenspaces.org/treecalculator/> (1-5 points)
- **Approximate Height of Tree.** Depending on the species of tree, it may not reach an outstanding height at maturity. Regardless, the height of the tree must be approximated and can be done without using a tape measure. Three ways of doing so would be by (1) using a piece of paper; (2) comparing shadows if possible; or (3) using a pencil and an assistant. (See WikiHow, "How to Measure the Height of a Tree"). (1-5 points)
- **Species & Ecological Value.** A nominated tree may be any species, but it cannot be invasive. Also, any tree is valuable, but if there is a particular ecological value in terms of being a nesting site for an important or endangered species, this will be taken into account. (1-5 points)
- **Aesthetics.** While beauty is in the eye of the beholder, the tree's symmetry, character, or unique natural attribute will be given consideration by the selection committee. (1-5 points)
- **The Tree's Story.** Finally, if there is a special story to share about the tree, the nominator is encouraged to provide that information. (1-5 points)

Winning entries will be announced on or about December 15. The winning Tree(s) of Distinction will be honored at the following Arbor Day celebration in April.

Have questions? Please reach out to us at: cliftonpark.tree.committee@gmail.com