



Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching

Minister's Awards

Manitoba Education,
Citizenship and Youth

2006-2007



THE AWARDS

Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching – Minister's Awards, recognize outstanding achievement by Manitoba teachers. Most of us remember at least one teacher who stood out among the many who influenced our lives – a teacher who encouraged, guided and inspired us to do our best. Teachers play a vital role in enhancing student learning and helping students achieve their goals and realize their dreams both in school and beyond.

Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching – Minister's Awards recognize innovative and exemplary teaching practices in three categories:

- *Teaching Excellence*
- *Outstanding New Teacher*
- *Team Collaboration*

Three *Teaching Excellence* awards will be presented; one award to an early years teacher, one to a middle years teacher and one to a senior years teacher.

Nomination forms must indicate the level for which a teacher is being nominated: early (K-4), middle (5-8) or senior (9-12) years. If a nominee teaches more than one

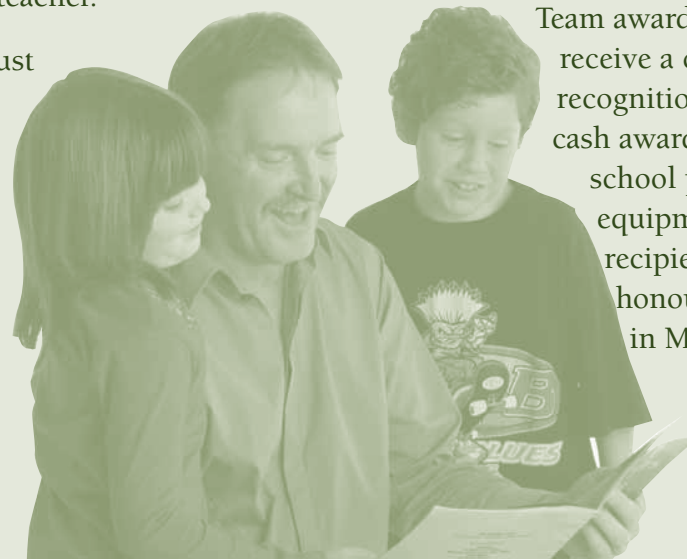
level (ex. K-12 music teacher) the statement of support must focus on the level for which the teacher is nominated.

One *Outstanding New Teacher* award will be presented to an early years, middle years or senior years teacher.

One *Team Collaboration* award will be presented to a team of teachers (maximum of three) from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Individual award recipients will receive a certificate of recognition, a \$500 cash award and \$500 for school projects or equipment.

Team award recipients will receive a certificate of recognition, share a \$500 cash award and \$500 for school projects or equipment. Award recipients will also be honoured at a reception in March 2007.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

In all three award categories -Teaching Excellence, Outstanding New Teacher and Team Collaboration - nominations are open to:

- teachers with a valid, permanent, Manitoba teaching certificate
- all early, middle and senior years teachers
- teachers who work with students in a school setting

Nominations for the *Teaching Excellence Award* are only open to:

- teachers who have completed at least three years of teaching in a Manitoba school

Nominations for the *Outstanding New Teacher Award* are only open to:

- new teachers with a maximum of two years teaching experience as of June 2006

Nominations for the *Team Collaboration Award* are only open to:

- teams comprising a maximum of three teachers



SELECTION CRITERIA

In reviewing the statement of support that is to be submitted as part of the nomination package, the selection committee will look for evidence of innovative and exemplary teaching practices and how these practices reflect the following two criteria.

Professional Practice, such as:

- creating a stimulating and innovative learning environment
- involving students in assessment to improve learning
- applying interdisciplinary practice
- integrating hands-on strategies and problem-solving activities into daily teaching practices
- demonstrating the relevance of a discipline to society
- building student capacity to think critically and creatively
- applying new learning acquired through professional development or study
- innovatively and effectively integrating ICT in the classroom

Promoting Student Engagement, such as:

- fostering social, emotional, intellectual and physical growth and development
- fostering a caring and supportive climate
- ensuring participation of individuals with diverse and exceptional needs
- encouraging student involvement with family and community
- valuing and promoting multicultural diversity
- encouraging students to pursue lifelong learning



SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee includes representatives from:

- Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Manitoba Association of School Trustees
- Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools
- Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

For more information on Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching - Minister's Awards, visit: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/proflearn/index.html

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