

## Please remember to:

- 1) Clearly address the two selection criteria. Consider organizing your statement of support using the criteria headings.
- 2) Provide detailed examples to show how the teacher(s) meet(s) the selection criteria and wherever possible describe the impact of the teacher's efforts on students. Describe the outstanding special projects, teaching philosophies, unique learning environments, extracurricular activities, student feedback, results or special achievements of the nominee(s) that makes their impact on student learning clear.
- 3) Limit your statement of support to no more than five pages.
- 4) Complete only one Team Collaboration Award nomination form, accompanied by only one statement of support, if the nomination involves a team of teachers.

## SUBMISSION FORMAT

All information in your nomination package should be printed on one-side only, 8 1/2" x 11" paper, double-spaced. Font size should not be less than 10 point. Please submit original documents only, with the exception of teaching certificates, in which case clear photocopies are acceptable.

Submit your completed nomination package on or before the deadline of December 15, 2006. Only complete packages, including appropriate signatures, will be considered. FAXED nomination packages will NOT be accepted.

Mail or deliver nomination packages to:

*Selection Committee*

**Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching – Minister's Awards**

Room 509, 1181 Portage Ave.

Winnipeg, MB R3G 0T3

If you have questions or require further information about these awards, or the nomination process, please visit:

[www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/proflearn/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/proflearn/index.html)

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# Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching Minister's Awards



Manitoba Education,  
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**M**anitoba'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

## THE NOMINATION PACKAGE

Eligible teachers may be nominated by a school trustee, superintendent, principal, teacher-colleague, student, parent or any other Manitoban.

An effective nomination package illustrates the innovative and exemplary teaching practices of the nominee(s) that contribute to student achievement. It also explains why the nominee(s) should receive one of Manitoba's highest teaching honours. Please remember that, as a nominator, you are describing a nominee's teaching practices for the selection committee, so your statement of support should be compelling.

The nominator will:

- 1) complete the appropriate nomination form (*Teaching Excellence Award, Outstanding New Teacher Award or Team Collaboration Award*)
- 2) ensure the nominee has signed the nominee consent form
- 3) complete and include a two- to five-page statement of support
- 4) include a copy of the nominee's valid, permanent, Manitoba teaching certificate
- 5) submit the nomination package to the selection committee before the deadline

*Please Note: All nomination packages must be completed, signed, postmarked and forwarded to the selection committee on or before the deadline of December 15, 2006. FAXED nomination packages will NOT be accepted.*

## THE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

In reviewing the statement of support, 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