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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS PROGRAM

The Excellence in Teaching Awards (ETA) Program was initiated in 1989 by the Minister of Education and implemented by the Council on Alberta Teaching Standards to:

- recognize outstanding Alberta teachers
- honour creative, innovative and effective teaching
- focus public attention on the teaching profession and
- involve Albertans in celebrating teaching excellence

Over the years the ETA Program has been supported by a number of education stakeholder organizations as well as some businesses. Current supporters include: Alberta Home and School Councils Association, Alberta School Boards Association, Alberta Teachers' Association; Edmonton Journal, SMARTer Kids Foundation and Xerox.

The awards are presented by the Minister of Education at the Excellence in Teaching Awards Ceremony which is currently held in May of each year. In addition to the prestigious honour of being named a Provincial Award Recipient, each teacher receives a framed certificate and a commemorative lapel pin. A monetary award and a framed certificate are also presented to each recipient's school principal. In 1998 the ETA Program expanded to include additional awards for the innovative use of technology. Currently the SMARTer Kids Foundation presents the recipients of the Innovative Use of Technology Awards with a technology package. Since the inception of the ETA Program, over 7618 teachers have been nominated and 378 have been Award Recipients.

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HOW TO nominate a teacher for a 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

Designate a Nomination Co-ordinator. (This person can be you. You also can act as one of the four nominators required for each nomination.)

THE NOMINATION CO-ORDINATOR WILL:

- recommend for which award the individual will be nominated, an Excellence in Teaching Award, **OR** the SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Award;
- complete the Nomination Co-ordinator's form (FORM A); [DO NOT INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT]
- distribute the other forms to the appropriate individuals;
- collect completed forms;
- place forms in the large brown envelope provided; and
 - for those who download the nomination package from the website, you can place each form in a plain envelope and place all in a larger envelope.
- submit the nomination to the Selection Committee.

CHECKLIST FOR NOMINATION CO-ORDINATOR:

1. Check your nomination package. Did you include all required forms?
FOR TEACHER NOMINEE:
 - Form A, PAGE 1 - Nomination Co-ordinator
 - Form B, PAGE 3 - Principal [ONE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT]
 - Form C, PAGE 5 - Superintendent
 - Form D, PAGE 9 - Teacher Colleague [ONE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT]
 - Form E, PAGE 11 - Public [ONE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT]
 - Form F, PAGE 13 - Nominee Consent**FOR PRINCIPAL NOMINEE:**
 - Form A, PAGE 1 - Nomination Co-ordinator
 - Form C1, PAGE 7 - Superintendent [ONE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT]
 - Form D, PAGE 9 - Teacher Colleague [ONE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT]
 - Form E, PAGE 11 - Public [ONE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT]
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2. Please note that:
 - the nomination is considered complete only if all forms (as noted above) have been received by the Selection Committee.
 - a statement of support is required from the Principal (**must be on school letterhead**), Teacher Colleague, and a Member of the Public; OR if the nominee is a Principal, a statement of support is required from the Superintendent or designate, Teacher or Principal Colleague, and a Member of the Public.
3. Ensure that all nominators are:
 - aware for which award the individual is being nominated (an Excellence in Teaching Award, **OR** the SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Award); and
 - familiar with the selection criteria listed on the back of each form.
4. Distribute forms and envelopes to the appropriate individuals, each of whom is responsible for completing the appropriate form, writing a statement of support if necessary, and returning the submission to you in one of the envelopes provided.
5. Nomination packages can be:
 - i. sent by mail to the Excellence in Teaching Awards Selection Committee at 10044-108 Street, NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6. **ONLY THOSE NOMINATION PACKAGES POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 5, 2007 WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
 - ii. dropped off at the Excellence in Teaching Awards Selection Committee at 2nd floor, 10044-108 Street, NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6. **ONLY THOSE NOMINATION PACKAGES DROPPED OFF BEFORE THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS AT 4:30 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007 WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
6. If completing the nomination forms electronically, please remember that all forms require **original signatures in blue pen.**

NOTE: The announcement of the 134 finalists will be made in April 2007, and the announcement of the 23 provincial award recipients will be made in May 2007.

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Mailing Address: Selection Committee
 Excellence in Teaching Awards
 10044 - 108 Street
 Edmonton, Alberta T5J 5E6

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Nomination Form A – Nomination Co-ordinator [DO NOT INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT]

Dr. Mr. Mrs.
 Ms. Miss

Given name(s)

Surname

Address

City/Town

Postal Code

Telephone (daytime)

Fax

Check only one (If you are nominating more than one individual, a separate package of all required forms must be submitted for each nominee.)

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Dr. Mr. Mrs.
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Given name(s)

Surname

Address

City/Town

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The award I wish to nominate this individual for is:

- Excellence in Teaching Award
- SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Award

The Selection Committee reserves the right to move nominations for the ETA category to the SMARTER Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Award.

Signature

Date

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NOTE: Form B is not required if the nominee is a principal.

Nomination Form B – Principal

- I am the nominee's current Principal
- I am the nominee's former Principal and I have advised the current Principal about this nomination.

Dr. Mr. Mrs.
Ms. Miss

Given name(s)

Surname

Title

Alberta Teaching Certificate Number

School Name

School Address

City/Town

Postal Code

Telephone (daytime)

Fax

Signature

Date

The teacher I wish to nominate is:

Dr. Mr. Mrs.
Ms. Miss

Given name(s)

Surname

School Name

School Address

Including this nomination, _____ teachers from this school have been nominated for this school year.
NUMBER

Statement of Support Guidelines

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Nomination Form C – Superintendent

(The Superintendent may designate an Area or Associate Superintendent to complete this form.)

Dr. Mr. Mrs.

Ms. Miss

Given name(s)

Surname

Title

Jurisdiction Name

Jurisdiction Address

City/Town

Postal Code

Telephone (daytime)

Fax

The teacher nominated is:

Dr. Mr. Mrs.

Ms. Miss

Given name(s)

Surname

School Name

School Address

Please indicate whether or not you support this nomination by checking the appropriate box below. If, for some reason, you cannot support this nomination it is incumbent on you to discuss with the nominee the reason for not supporting the nomination prior to the beginning of March, 2007.

I support

I do not support

Signature

Date

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Nomination Form C1 – Superintendent

(The Superintendent may designate an Area or Associate Superintendent to complete this form.

The Board Chair may complete this form for nominees from private schools.)

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Ms. Miss

Given name(s)

Surname

Title

Jurisdiction Name

Jurisdiction Address

City/Town

Postal Code

Telephone (daytime)

Fax

The principal nominated is: I have attached my letter of support for this principal

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Dr. Mr. Mrs.
Ms. Miss

Given name(s)

Surname

Title

Alberta Teaching Certificate Number

School Name

School Address

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Postal Code

Telephone (daytime)

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Dr. Mr. Mrs.
Ms. Miss

Given name(s)

Surname

Organization Represented (if applicable)

Address

City/Town

Postal Code

Telephone (daytime)

Fax

Signature

Date

Check only one (If you are nominating more than one individual, a separate package of all required forms must be submitted for each.)

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- The principal I wish to nominate is:**

Dr. Mr. Mrs.
Ms. Miss

Given name(s)

Surname

School Name

School Address

Statement of Support Guidelines

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Your name as you would like it to appear on a certificate

Dr. Mr. Mrs.
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_____ Given name(s) Surname

Home Address _____ City/Town

Postal Code _____ Telephone

Email Address _____

Currently teaching grade(s) _____

School Name _____

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