

Nomination deadline
January 31, 2007

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**An outstanding teacher
deserves something exceptional.**



The Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence recognize elementary and secondary educators and staff – individuals who excel at unlocking the potential of Ontario's young people. You now have an opportunity to give these remarkable professionals the recognition they deserve. Nominate them in any of 10 different categories by January 31, 2007.

For more information and a nomination form, visit www.ontario.ca/teachingawards.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Teacher of the Year inspires an enthusiasm for learning and responds to the unique needs of individual students. With outstanding teaching skills and command of the subject matter, this teacher raises students' expectations, supports other teachers, and has a positive impact in and out of the classroom. Two awards will be presented and all teachers are eligible.



OUTSTANDING NEW TEACHER

The Outstanding New Teacher demonstrates energy, passion and a contagious enthusiasm for learning. Raising students' expectations of what they can achieve, the nominee provides strong team leadership and support to other new teachers. Two awards will be presented and all teachers with up to three years of teaching experience are eligible.



SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITION

This award recognizes someone who links classroom learning with the world of work. Someone who teaches students the attitudes and skills they need to succeed in a work environment. Someone who helps students see that success can be found in many different jobs, occupations and careers. All teachers are eligible.



EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL NEEDS

The Excellence in Special Needs award will go to a teacher who raises students' confidence in their own potential. One who adapts teaching methods and the curriculum to meet the needs of individual students. The award also recognizes education support staff who make an outstanding contribution to helping kids with special needs. Two awards will be presented and all special needs teachers and support staff are eligible.



PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

This exceptional individual involves students in their community and the community in the lives of students. Helping kids understand what it means to be a good citizen, this person brings the school and community closer together. All elementary and secondary school staff are eligible.



CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

This award will go to someone who champions a vision that results in positive change. Someone who creates a culture that stimulates learning and supports continuous staff development. Someone who involves students, teachers, parents and the community. In short, a great school leader. All principals, vice-principals, department heads and teachers are eligible.



ENTERPRISE IN TEACHING

The Enterprise in Teaching award recognizes a teacher who inspires students to explore new possibilities and encourages creative thinking and problem solving. The selection panel will be looking for teachers who have created new ways of engaging and motivating students as well as innovative teaching approaches that inspire other educators. All teachers are eligible.



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING SUPPORT

Working collaboratively with teachers, parents and other support staff, this person shows an outstanding commitment to supporting teachers and students. A positive, helpful and caring attitude is essential, together with the belief that every student can succeed. All support staff are eligible.



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

The literacy award recognizes a teacher who has significantly improved students' reading, writing and communication skills. The numeracy award recognizes a teacher who has significantly improved students' math skills, including problem-solving. Inspiring a love of the subject, both nominees use innovative and effective teaching approaches; approaches that are a model for other educators. All teachers are eligible.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

This exceptional individual is a role model for other educators and a force for positive change. One who makes a difference in the classroom and across the school system, enhancing the lives of students, teachers and the school community. With at least 25 years of teaching experience, the nominee will personify excellence and elevate the status of the profession.

