

Excellence In Education Award 2024-2025

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TO: OSSTF District 11 Members

FROM: OSSTF District 11 Awards Committee

RE: Selection of Nominees for the Excellence in Education Award

The Excellence in Education Award is jointly sponsored by OSSTF District 11 and the Thames Valley District School Board.

The nominees for this award can be put forward by a Bargaining Unit, a School Awards Committee or any member of OSSTF District 11 in good standing. Please note that all nominations **must** be received at the OSSTF District 11 office by the nomination deadline. Recipients for the award will be chosen by the OSSTF District 11 Awards Committee. While all nominations received by the deadline will be considered, only the successful recipients of the award will be contacted by the District Office.

Up to 35 recipients across District 11 can receive the Excellence in Education Award. It is possible to have more than a single recipient from a specific school/work site or bargaining unit. A member from one bargaining unit (TBU, PSSP, CEI, OT) can nominate a member from a different bargaining unit that works at a different location.

Recipients will be contacted by the District Office with further information about the awards ceremony. Please note that attendance for the awards ceremony is limited to recipients, a guest of their choice, their Principal/Supervisor and other VIP invitees of OSSTF District 11 and the TVDSB. The OSSTF District 11 job class/work site/branch representative will also receive an invitation to attend.

The ceremony and reception will be held on **Thursday, February 27th, 2025** at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn.

Please call the District Office if you have any questions.

Regards,

OSSTF District 11 Awards Committee

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Who May Nominate?

- Any OSSTF/FEESO District 11 member in good standing
- A Bargaining Unit such as the Teachers' Bargaining Unit (TBU), Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP), Occasional Teachers' (OT), Continuing Education Instructors (CEI) and Continuing Education Teachers (CET)
- School Awards Committee

Who May Be Nominated?

- Any OSSTF/FEESO District 11 member. Preference will be given by the selection committee for OSSTF/FEESO District 11 members with a minimum of 5 years education experience.
- The nominee must be currently employed by the TVDSB.
- The nominee should not have been a previous recipient.

Nominations Process:

- Fill out the Nomination Application and complete the Nominee Profile. Scan and send to the District Office by the nomination deadline.
- While not a requirement, it is recommended that up to TWO letters of recommendation in support of the nominee be submitted by the nomination deadline.

Important Dates:

Nominations Deadline: **Thursday, January 16th, 2025** (received by the District Office)

District 11 Awards Selection Meeting: **Thursday, January 30th, 2025**

Please forward nomination forms to the following:

Keri Lucier, Executive Assistant

Andy Dobaczewski, Federation Services Officer

E-mail: KeriLucier@osstf11.com

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Please note that nominations received past the deadline will not be considered.

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Nomination Criteria

Please note that the criteria is a guideline for nominators to determine if a nominee qualifies for the award. The nominee should exhibit most of the criteria in their professional practice but it is not a requirement that all are met to be a successful candidate. The OSSTF District 11 Awards Committee will use the same criteria as a guideline when selecting candidates.

- Demonstrates compassion, empathy and respect for all.
- Advocates for student needs.
- Demonstrates a commitment to social justice advocacy, encourages innovation, equity and inclusion.
- Values **all staff** as partners in education and has built strong collaborative relationships to support students in the school or community.
- Pursues professional excellence and demonstrates commitment and leadership.
- Gives active service to others.
- Motivates others to acquire a life-long interest in learning.

Nominee Information:

Name of Nominee: _____

School/Worksite: _____ Bargaining Unit: _____

Number of Years Employed by TVDSB: _____

Nominator Information:

Name of Nominator: _____ Bargaining Unit: _____

Nominator Signature: _____

*Bargaining Units: Teachers' (TBU), Occasional Teachers' (OT), Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP), or Continuing Education Instructors (CEI) or Continuing Education Teachers (CET). **In addition to the Nominee Profile, it is recommended that up to **two (2)** supporting letters be submitted with the nomination form.

