

## OTIP Teaching Awards—Rules and Regulations

- Three winners will be selected each year.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Nominations are open to all Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) certified teachers and in good standing with the OCT, who are insured by OTIP or are a member of an employee benefits plan that is administered by OTIP ("Eligibility Requirements").
- Awards are given each year to teachers in the categories of elementary, secondary, and beginning teacher. Winners will be recognized for their outstanding contributions and will be presented a personal award of \$1,000 CAD and a Certificate of Recognition. Prizes cannot be substituted, other than at OTIP's or OTF's discretion.

### Nomination Rules

- Only one entry per person will be accepted. Multiple nominations will be considered as one nomination. The earliest received nomination will be used for consideration.
- **The start date of the contest opens mid-January with a deadline to enter end of March.**
- Entries will be accepted online using the Nomination Form.

### Submission Representations

- By submitting an entry, you represent and warrant that your entry
  - Is original (the story cannot be plagiarized and should be truthful);
  - Does not contain content that is in violation of or infringes any intellectual property rights of any third party;
  - Has not been published or distributed previously in any media (including, without limitation, on the internet);
  - Will not be submitted in the future as an entry in other contests or awards without prior written consent from OTIP or OTF.

### Selection and Notification

- An OTF Awards Committee will review all the nomination forms and develop a short list of up to 10 candidates for each category for consideration by a final jury. The final jury will include representatives of educational stakeholder groups, as well as general supporters of publicly-funded schools in Ontario.
- All decisions of the judging committee are final and binding on the entrants in all matters relating to the OTIP Teaching Awards, the eligibility requirements and the selection process.
- The winners will be contacted by email and will be subject to verification by OTIP.
- Should either of the winners not meet the Eligibility Requirements, another winner will be chosen.
- Awards will be made by cheque in Canadian funds payable to the winners.
- The winners will be posted on OTIP's website ([otip.com](http://otip.com)) and ([teachingawards.ca](http://teachingawards.ca)) in September/October.
- The odds of winning are dependent on the number and quality of eligible entries received by the closing date.

### Publicity and Privacy

- By entering the OTIP Teaching Awards, the winners consent to the use of their name and the name of their school or primary workplace in any related publicity without further compensation, worldwide and in perpetuity, in any and all forms of media now known or hereafter devised, including the Internet, in any publicity or advertising carried out by OTIP or OTF, unless prohibited by law.

### General Conditions

- OTIP and OTF are not responsible for any entries that are lost, late, damaged, destroyed, misdirected or delayed by any computer or technical malfunctions that may occur in the processing, transmission or receipt of entries.
- It is the sole responsibility of the nominator to notify OTIP or OTF if they or the nominee changes his or her telephone number and/or email address.
- By participating in the OTIP Teaching Awards, all entrants agree to be bound by these rules and regulations and declare that the information they provided to support their entry is true and correct.

- OTIP and OTF reserve the right to administer the OTIP Teaching Awards as required, including the right to withdraw, terminate, suspend, cancel or modify all or part of the OTIP Teaching Awards including the eligibility requirements at any time and without notice.
- The OTIP Teaching Awards is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations and is governed by Canadian laws and the laws of the Province of Ontario.