



York University
Faculty of Education Alumni Association (YUFEAA)

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

2008 - 2009

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INTRODUCTION

The York University Faculty of Education Alumni Association (YUFEAA) is pleased to announce the eleventh annual Excellence in Teaching Award.

As an active Alumni Association, we continuously strive to fulfill our mission of honouring, supporting, and celebrating excellence in teaching. This award recognizes individuals who have contributed in distinctive and recognized ways to the field of education.

YUFEAA seeks to honour a teacher who has graduated from the Faculty of Education at York University and has made a significant difference to the lives of students, colleagues, schools, and/or communities.

We hope that you will assist us in celebrating teaching excellence by nominating an educator using the enclosed nomination form. The winner of this year's award will receive a **\$1,000 cash award** sponsored by **Manulife Financial**, and will be recognized at our annual Faculty of Education Student Awards Reception which will be held in the Fall of 2009 at York University.



CRITERIA

The YUFEAA *Excellence in Teaching Award* recognizes an educator who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of education.

Such an educator will have demonstrated many of the following criteria over time:

- enhances students' lives through the act of teaching
- creates collaborative, innovative teaching environments
- supports, honours, and celebrates excellence in teaching on a continuous basis
- advocates for teachers and the teaching profession
- recognizes and demonstrates through actions, the importance of assisting, mentoring and supporting his/her colleagues
- participates in partnerships within and beyond school/board communities
- promotes equity in education
- participates, promotes, and/or facilitates continuous professional growth and development
- implements innovative teaching methods, creative programs, and exciting learning opportunities for students
- demonstrates professionalism in teaching and models teaching as a respected profession

These qualities are intended as suggestions for consideration when nominating an individual for this award but should in no way be seen as a finite list.

Nominations must be received by
4:30 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2009

Nominations arriving after that time will not be accepted.

**To ensure confidentiality, nominations may not be submitted
by fax or electronic mail.**



NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Who is eligible for nomination?

All educators who are graduates of York University's Faculty of Education's Pre-Service (BEd), In-service (AQs, PQPs), Graduate (MEd., PhD) and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing programs are eligible to be nominated for this award.

NOTE: Those who have received the York University Faculty of Education Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award in a previous year may not be re-nominated. All other nominees from previous years, including finalists, are eligible.

Who may nominate an educator?

An educator may be nominated by anyone who has direct knowledge of the nominee's unique contributions, achievements, and/or classroom approaches.

A nominator might be:

- a parent, guardian, or caregiver
- a representative of the community
- a school leader (Principal, Vice-principal, Department Head, etc.)
- a professional colleague
- a consultant, resource teacher, or school board administrator
- a professional association
- a School Council
- a current or former student



NOMINATION PROCEDURE (CONTINUED)

How do I nominate a teacher?

1. Speak to the educator you wish to nominate to ensure that he or she is willing to accept the nomination. **(confirm that the person you wish to nominate is a graduate of the Faculty of Education at York University.)**
2. Ask the nominee for a résumé to include in the nomination package.
3. Complete the attached nomination form and ask the nominee to sign it.
4. Describe, in a covering letter of no more than 500 words, how this educator has made an outstanding contribution to education.
5. Include documentation highlighting the nominee's excellence in teaching through contributions such as: varied teaching experiences; enhancement of student learning in the classroom and beyond; innovations in teaching and curriculum; collaborative efforts; support and advocacy for the teaching profession; promotion of equity; ongoing commitment to professional growth.

Evidence of these characteristics may be submitted in the form of:

- testimonial letters (2 maximum) limited to 250 words each. These letters may be from a student, a parent, a colleague, a supervisor, or a community representative.
 - recognitions such as newspaper clippings or articles written about the educator that acknowledge the nominee's contribution to education
 - educational articles authored by the educator
 - outlines of innovative curriculum (a Table of Contents will suffice for lengthy documents)
6. Make **four (4) copies** of the nomination package that includes the nomination form, the nominee's résumé, testimonials, and supporting documentation.
 7. Submit the nomination package, no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, June 26, 2009** to:

Faculty of Education Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee
c/o Chair
Faculty of Education
135 Winters College
York University
4700 Keele Street
Toronto, Ontario M3J 1P3

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NOTE: Materials submitted will not be returned



SELECTION PROCESS

The *York University Faculty of Education Alumni Association's Excellence in Teaching Award* Committee will receive nominations for the 2008/2009 Award and will review all nominations in relation to the criteria. A recommended short list of finalists will be given to the Award Jury (comprised of leaders in education, business, and the community at large) who will select the Award winner for this year.

All finalists will be contacted by phone or letter. The recipient of *the YUFEEA Excellence in Teaching Award* will be notified by a representative from the Awards Committee.



YUFEAA EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD NOMINATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

Name of Nominee

Nominee's Signature

Please circle the program(s) from which the nominee graduated:

BEd (Pre-Service) Field Development (In-service, AQs, PQPs)

MEd., PhD (Graduate Studies) Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Program

Year of most recent graduation from the Faculty of Education, York University

Nominee's Contact Information

School Board (if applicable) _____

Work Address

School Name

Street

City

Province

Postal Code

Telephone (w)

Fax (w)

E-mail

Home Address

Street

City

Province

Postal Code

Telephone (h)

E-mail

Nominee's Principal/Supervisor (if applicable)

Name

Telephone

Nomination Submitted by:

Name

Address

Street

City

Province

Postal Code

Telephone (h)

Fax

E-mail

Additional Enclosures: (please indicate with a \checkmark)

- Nominee's Résumé
- Covering Letter describing the nominee's contribution to education (limited to 500 words)
- Testimonial Letters (max. 2)
- Other Documentation (please identify) _____

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