

NTA AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Nomination Guidelines and Forms



- Program and Instruction
- Extra-Curricular Leadership
- Community Engagement
- Language and Culture
- Student Advocacy and Welfare

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Overview

The NTA Award for Teaching Excellence was initiated in 2014 by the Nunavut Teachers' Association:

- to recognize outstanding Nunavut teachers
- to honour creative, innovative and effective teaching
- to distinguish exemplar service
- to focus public attention on the teaching profession and
- to involve Nunavumiut in celebrating teaching excellence.

Excellence in Teaching Awards Categories:

- Program and Instruction
- Extra-Curricular Leadership
- Community Engagement
- Language and Culture
- Student Advocacy and Welfare

Excellence in Teaching Awards Recognition:

- One NTA Award for Teaching Excellence will be selected each year
- Eligible nominees receive certificates of nomination
- Regional finalists will receive certificates of recognition
- NTA Award for Teaching Excellence recipient will receive a certificate and item of distinction
- NTA Award for Teaching Excellence recipient will be honoured at a banquet during NTA AMCC in Iqaluit.
- NTA Award for Teaching Excellence recipient will be awarded a \$1000 PD Bursary to be used to support the member's Professional Development goals. The PD Bursary will be allocated from the NTA General Fund, and will follow policies found in the Professional Development Resource Book. The award recipient may defer the PD Bursary for a period of up to two years.

NTA Award for Teaching Excellence

To be nominated for an NTA Award for Teaching Excellence is an Honour.

PURPOSE:

- to recognize outstanding Nunavut teachers and principals who are champions of Nunavut's vision for education
- to honour creative, innovative and outstanding teaching
- to focus public attention on the teaching profession
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ELIGIBILITY:

At the time of nomination, all nominees must meet the following criteria:

- must be certified to teach in Nunavut and be a member in good standing of the Nunavut Teachers Association.
- must have 3 or more continuous years of teaching experience in a Nunavut school
- must currently work in a Nunavut school.
- must work directly with students in a school setting on a daily basis. Classroom teachers, student support teachers, principals, vice principals, instructional coaches, library/resource room teachers, and counselors, are all eligible for nomination.

RESTRICTIONS:

- eligible teachers may only be nominated once during an academic year
- previous NTA Award for Teaching Excellence recipients are not eligible
- teachers must be nominated individually; teacher teams are not eligible
- any teacher who was selected as a Regional-finalist is not eligible for nomination for a period of 3 years after their initial nomination.

DEADLINE:

- **March 15, midnight EST**
- **Electronic submissions only to: awards@ntanu.ca**

SELECTION PROCESS

- Completed nomination packages must be sent electronically to awards@ntanu.ca before the deadline of midnight (EST) March 15.
- Nominations will be evaluated at the regional level, by the NTA Regional Executive, and one regional finalist selected. Only completed packages of eligible candidates will be considered.
- The nomination package of each regional finalist will be submitted to the NTA Central Executive for the final selection of the award recipient.
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SELECTION CRITERIA

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The Selection Committee will look for specific examples of:

- A. How the nominee's teaching or leadership excels at:
- fostering the development of students and their intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth
 - establishing a stimulating learning environment
 - motivating students to exceed their own expectations
 - attending to individual student needs
 - working collaboratively with colleagues
 - demonstrating an in-depth knowledge of subject matter and curriculum
 - being involved in professional growth activities
 - achieving positive results in student learning
 - demonstrating caring for the well-being of students and colleagues, thereby contributing to a positive school climate.

– AND –

B. How the nominee's teaching or leadership is innovative or creative in supporting student learning in one or more of the areas identified under section A. Innovative or creative teaching that supports student learning may refer to:

- creating or introducing successful instructional practices or programs to a classroom or a school
- adapting instructional approaches or programs to meet the language and cultural context of Nunavut
- championing a successful or proven approach throughout a school or school district/division
- developing teacher resources or materials that complement an existing approach
- engaging parents and community members in the educational programs of the classroom or school

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How to Nominate Someone

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

1. Designate a Nominator. This person must be an NTA Member. The Nominator coordinates and submits the nomination package. He or she may also act as one of the supporters who writes a letter of support. A member may not nominate himself or herself.
2. The Nominator will:
 - a) complete the Nomination form (Form A), including the Nominee Consent section.
 - b) distribute Letter of Support Forms (Form B) to members of the nomination team (Teacher Colleagues and other NTA members, Community Member, etc.):
 - ensure that all the members of the nomination team are aware of the NTA Award for Teaching Excellence that the individual is being nominated for
 - ensure that all the members of the nomination team are familiar with the selection criteria for the NTA Award for Teaching Excellence listed on the back of each form.
 - c) inform the supporters that they must complete a letter of support of no more than two pages in length, typed in 12 pt font and double-spaced:
 - all letters of support must be dated, signed and scanned for electronic submission
 - d) electronically combine all components of the nomination package and convert to a single pdf file for electronic submission
3. A nomination package is considered complete only if all forms including three letters of support are submitted, dated and signed. A checklist to assist in completing the nomination package is provided on the following page.
4. Only one nomination package per teacher or principal will be accepted.
5. Completed nomination packages including letters of support must be submitted electronically to: awards@ntanu.ca
(note: deadline is midnight March 15)

Checklist for NTA Award for Teaching Excellence Nomination Package

Did you include all required forms?

- Nomination Form (Nominators must be an NTA Member)—Form A
- Nominee Consent—Form A
- Nomination Text (completed by nominator)
- Two letters of support from a colleagues (fellow NTA members)—Form B
- Letter of support from a community member (including parents)—Form B

Please confirm that all forms and letters of support have been signed, dated and electronically scanned and combined into one electronic file prior to submission date. Only completed electronic submissions submitted to awards@ntanu.ca will be considered.

Attach this checklist to the front of your Nomination Package

FOR NTA SELECTION USE ONLY		
	YES	NO
Does the Nominee have three or more years teaching experience in Nunavut?		
Is the nomination text included in the nomination package?		
Are the three letters of support included in the nomination package?		
Does the nominee meet the criteria to be eligible for an NTA Award for Teaching Excellence Award?		

FORM A
NTA Award for Teaching Excellence
Nomination Form

To be completed by the nominator (NTA member)

Nominee's Personal Information

Mr. Ms.

Last Name _____ First Name _____
(Please provide names as they should appear on certificates.)

City/Community _____ PO Box _____ Postal Code _____

Region

Kitikmeot Kivalliq North Qikiqtani Central Qikiqtani South Qikiqtani

Tel. (Home) _____ E-mail _____

Teaching Assignment--list details (grades, subjects, etc.—include extra curricular duties, if pertinent) :

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Years of Teaching Service in Nunavut: _____

Years

School

Community

Nominee's School Information

School: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Nominator

Mr.

Ms.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Tel. (Home) _____ E-mail _____

School/Workplace: _____

City/Community _____ PO Box _____ Postal Code _____

Signatures

Nominator

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

Nominee

I, the nominee, affirm that all information contained in this nomination package is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. By signing this form, I authorize the NTA office to conduct a verification of the information provided in this nomination. I understand that award-winning ideas and methods will be published in an online exemplary practices publication and I give my release for that purpose. I also authorize the NTA to share elements of my nomination package with the media and GN.

Signature of Nominee _____ Date _____

The nomination text that accompanies this form may not be more than three pages length, typed in 12 pt font and double-spaced.

Award recipients are selected based on the excellence and innovation of their teaching practices, their ability to achieve outstanding results with students, to inspire them to learn and continue learning and to equip them with the knowledge, attitudes and skills they will need to succeed in Nunavut.

In selecting award recipients, the committee looks for clear evidence that nominees have excelled in at least one of the following areas: Program and Instruction, Extra-Curricular Leadership, Community Engagement, Language and Culture, and Student Advocacy and Welfare

The nomination text should describe and provide concrete examples of the teaching practices that best show the teacher's contribution to his or students' learning, such as the following:

- creating a particularly stimulating and innovative learning environment;
- creatively integrating a subject with, and across, other disciplines;
- integrating hands-on strategies and problem solving activities into daily teaching practices;
- using ICT in the classroom in innovative ways to improve student learning and outcomes;
- implementing provincial or territorial policies and curricula in an exceptional fashion to meet the specific needs of his or her students;
- involving parents in student learning;
- developing community or business-education partnerships;
- demonstrating the relevance of a subject to individual, his or her community, and Nunavut; and,
- providing constructive feedback to students.

FORM B
NTA Award for Teaching Excellence
Letter of Support

Please complete the following Form B and attach it to your letter of support for the nominee

Nominee's Personal Information

This letter of is written to support the nomination of

Mr. Ms.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

City/Community _____ PO Box _____ Postal Code _____

School: _____

Supporter's Personal Information

This letter of support is written by:

Teacher/Colleague/Fellow NTA Member

Community Member

Mr. Ms.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

City/Community _____ PO Box _____ Postal Code _____

Tel. (Home) _____ E-mail _____

Signature of Supporter _____ Date _____

The letter of support that accompanies this form may not be more than two pages in length, typed in 12 pt font and double-spaced. The letter of support must be dated, signed and scanned for electronic submission.