



PREMIER'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION Objectives, Nomination Procedures, and Applications 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education Program

The purpose is to recognize, celebrate, and brand excellence and achievement in public education in New Brunswick.

Objectives of the Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education Program

The Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education are designed to:

- recognize and honour individuals or groups of individuals who help to make the education system in New Brunswick the best in the country;
- demonstrate the high calibre of educational leadership and support in our schools and school system;
- enhance the image of education in general;
- encourage creative, innovative, renewed, and effective educational practices and supports;
- educate the general public about excellence in the education system and encourage members of the community to participate in school life.

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Nomination Procedures 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Any individual or group of individuals who have made a significant contribution to education in the province's Anglophone public school system are eligible to be nominated for the 2008-2009 Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education program.

The recipients will be chosen for:

- *their use of creative, effective, and innovative ideas and activities in their interactions or support of the education system; and*
- *their dynamic approach, dedication, and involvement at the school, district, or provincial level.*

Above all, their initiatives must benefit students and must produce significant results in the school(s).

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education may be submitted by individuals or groups in the nominee's school district. There will be two categories of nominations sought from each school district. Please note that each award nomination requires a separate specific application.

Category A – District Awards

Each school district will nominate one individual or group who have made a significant contribution to education in their area. Nominees may include a teacher, a volunteer, a business partner, or someone working within or with the school system in a supporting role. All submissions will be considered. The nominee will have demonstrated that they have exemplified excellence in at least two commitments in the New Brunswick Education Plan, ***When kids come first.***

Category B – Provincial Awards

Districts may select up to seven additional individuals, or six groups of individuals and one nominee for the Lifetime Achievement Award, to be considered for awards in the following subcategories:

1. **Numeracy, Literacy & Science** – this award will be given to an individual or group of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of student achievement in at least on of the following areas: numeracy, literacy, and/or science.
2. **Developing a Passion for Learning** – this award will be given to an individual or group of individuals who have demonstrated methodologies that truly kindle a passion for learning and the discovery of personal strengths to nurture student achievement.
3. **Inclusion** – this award will be given to an individual or group of individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to inclusive education and dedication to supporting learners to realize high levels of achievement.
4. **Community Engagement and Partnerships** – this award will be given to an individual or group of individuals from the community or outside the formal education system, who have contributed to improve the overall advancement and lives of students. Academic or non-academic supports which contribute to student achievement will be considered for this sub-category.
5. **To Ensure School Readiness** – this award will be presented to individuals or groups of individuals who have exemplified innovation, commitment, and collaborative approaches to providing the right conditions and processes for improving pre-kindergarten school-readiness.
6. **International Engagement** – this award will be presented to an individual or groups of individuals who have gone above and beyond to welcome and engage international students to the New Brunswick public school system, and/or have furthered our international educational efforts at home or abroad.

7. **Lifetime Achievement** – this award will honour an individual who during his/her lifetime has made an exemplary contribution of outstanding significance to the field of education.

Before submitting a nomination, you must obtain the applicant's consent, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award. In the event that this nomination is submitted posthumously, consent from the closest family member would be required. Once that is done, simply fill out the attached nomination form and send it to your school district office to the attention of the District Education Council Chair **no later than February 23, 2009.**

District Education Councils must submit their selections to the Provincial Awards Committee **no later than March 20, 2009.**

Nominations submitted by one person must be supported by two other people who know the nominee and can attest to their achievements.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

The District Awards will be selected by each district and approved by the District Education Council. All District Award recommendations and corresponding applications will be forwarded to the Provincial Awards Committee and will be considered final. Where a group of individuals has been selected as the recipient, one person will represent the group at the awards ceremony.

The Provincial Awards will be submitted by the district (up to seven – one per subcategory as noted above) to the Provincial Awards Committee where a determination will be made for one winner in each of the seven subcategories. These nominations will be selected by each district and approved by the District Education Council before being submitted to the Provincial Awards Committee. Where a group of individuals has been selected as the recipient, one person will represent the group at the awards ceremony.

AWARDS

The winning recipients will be notified six to eight weeks prior to the event in order to make arrangements to attend the event. A media advisory will be issued prior to the event to officially publicly announce the recipients of the awards.

The presentation of awards will take place on May 11, 2009 in Fredericton. Recipients will be asked to be available from 12:00 noon the day of the awards ceremony until the closing of the event which is anticipated as being at 9:00 p.m. on the day of the event.



**PREMIER'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
Nomination Form for the 2008-2009 school year**

DISTRICT AWARD

Sections A, B and C of the form must be completed.

If the nomination is being submitted by one person, **section D** must be completed (signatures of two other people).

If the nomination is being submitted by a group, **section E** must be completed (signatures of three members of the group).

The deadline for the completed form to be delivered to the ***school district office***, to the attention of the District Education Council Chair, is **February 23, 2009.**

SECTION A – Sponsors

Name of person or group submitting the nomination:

Address:

Name of contact person for group, if applicable:

Telephone numbers: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail: _____



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District Award

SECTION B - Applicant

Name of Individual or Group of Individuals:

Address:

If the applicant noted above is a group, please indicate the individual who will be representing the group at the awards ceremony.

Representative's Name

Telephone numbers: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail: _____



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District Award

SECTION C – Description of Applicant's Contributions to Excellence in Education

Please provide a detailed and concise description (not to exceed 300 words in total) for each of the following nomination criteria (use another sheet if necessary):

- 1) **In which two specific areas (commitments) of *When Kids Come First* has the applicant demonstrated outstanding achievement?**
- 2) **How has the applicant demonstrated their dynamic approach, dedication and involvement at the classroom, school, district, and/or provincial levels?**
- 3) **How have students benefited from the applicant's initiatives?**
- 4) **What specific contributions have those initiatives made to the education system, learning environment, and/or student experience?**



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District Award

SECTION D – Nomination submitted by one person

Name of person submitting the nomination: _____
(Please print)

Signature Date

Name and signature of a second person who supports the nomination:

Name Signature

Name and signature of a third person who supports the nomination:

Name Signature

SECTION E – Nomination submitted by a group

Names and signatures of **three** members of the group:

Name Signature

Name Signature

Name Signature



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PROVINCIAL AWARD

Sections A, B and C of the form must be completed.

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If the nomination is being submitted by a group, **section E** must be completed (signatures of three members of the group).

The deadline for the completed form to be delivered to the **school district office**, to the attention of the District Education Council Chair, is **February 23, 2009.**

Please note, a separate application must be completed for each nomination in the following seven provincial categories.

Category for this Application (check one)

- Numeracy, Literacy & Science (*commitment # 2 WKCF*)
- Developing a Passion for Learning (*commitment # 3 WKCF*)
- Inclusion (*commitment # 5 WKCF*)
- Community Engagement and Partnerships (*commitment #6 WKCF*)
- To Ensure School Readiness (*commitment # 1 WKCF*)
- International Engagement (*Transforming Our Workforce; Self-Sufficiency Action Plan*)

- Lifetime Achievement

SECTION A – Sponsors

Name of person or group submitting the nomination:

Address:

Name of contact person for group, if applicable:

Telephone numbers: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Fax number: _____ E-mail: _____



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Provincial Award

SECTION B - Applicant

Name of Individual or Group of Individuals:

Address:

If the applicant noted above is a group, please indicate the individual who will be representing the group at the awards ceremony.

Representative's Name

Telephone numbers: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail: _____



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SECTION C – Description of Applicant's Contributions to Excellence in Education

Please provide a detailed and concise description (not to exceed 300 words in total) for each of the following nomination criteria (use another sheet if necessary):

- 1. In the category you have chosen for this applicant, please provide specific examples of achievement of excellence and how they link directly to specific action items for the category chosen from the associated commitment in *When kids come first* and/or the Government of New Brunswick's Self-Sufficiency Action-Plan.**
- 2. How has (have) the applicant(s) demonstrated their dynamic approach, dedication and involvement at the classroom, school, district, and/or provincial levels?**
- 3. How have students benefited from the applicant's initiatives?**
- 4. What specific contributions have those initiatives made to the education system, learning environment, and/or student experience?**



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SECTION D – Nomination submitted by one person

Name of person submitting the nomination: _____
(Please print)

Signature Date

Name and signature of a second person who supports the nomination:

Name Signature

Name and signature of a third person who supports the nomination:

Name Signature

SECTION E – Nomination submitted by a group

Names and signatures of **three** members of the group:

Name Signature

Name Signature

Name Signature