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## 2026 Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) Special Recognition Award

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Gary Fenn, Interim Associate General Secretary – Professional Services

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OSSTF/FEESO is proud to support the OTF Special Recognition Award. This award is presented annually to an organization, group, or individual in acknowledgement of outstanding contributions to publicly funded education in Ontario, beyond the school board level.

The criteria for nomination of this award are that the efforts of the individual, group, or organization nominated must have the goal of improving publicly funded education in Ontario. Their contributions must have been sustained over an extended period. Their contributions may be at the local or provincial level. An individual cannot be nominated for their work as a school board employee. The group or organization cannot be nominated for work that originated at the school board level. The deadline for nominations to be received by the OTF is **March 31, 2026**.

Anyone can nominate an individual, group, or organization for this award. That includes parents, students, teachers, administrators, or the public.

The recipient of the award will be notified in May 2026 and will be recognized with a certificate at the OTF Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors in August 2026. The monetary prize of the award is \$1,000. This monetary amount may be directed to the award recipient or to an educational charitable organization or other worthwhile educational causes designated by the recipient.

For more information about the award criteria click [here](#).

For more information about this award and for the fillable nomination form, please click [here](#).

For questions about this award please email [specialrecognition@otffeo.on.ca](mailto:specialrecognition@otffeo.on.ca).

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