

# Canadian Council for Exceptional Children

## Teacher of the Year Award

The Canadian Council for Exceptional Children (CCEC), the premier association for special educators, works to improve the educational successes of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

The CCEC Teacher of the Year Award recognizes a CEC member who currently provides direct service to students with exceptionalities. The CCEC Teacher of the Year is an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies the best in special education teaching. His/Her work reflects significant educational success for students, continued professional development, and the highest standards of educational quality.

### Awards Benefits

The CCEC Teacher of the Year Award recipient will:

- Receive a commemorative plaque to display
- Be recognized at an awards ceremony during the CCEC Annual Fall Board Meetings and/or Conference
- Be an honoured guest at the CCEC Annual Fall Board Meetings and/or Conference
- Act as a spokesperson for the media
- Speak at CCEC conferences
- Be profiled on the CCEC website

### Nominee Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a CEC member in good standing currently and for at least the previous 3 three years
- Must currently provide direct service to students with exceptionalities
- Must hold professional certification in the area in which the nominee teaches
- The work of the nominee must be consistent with CEC's mission statement as described in the first paragraph

### Rules & Instructions for Nomination

1. Nominees may be nominated by a CEC unit (provincial unit, branch, chapter, division, or subdivision), individual (principal, CEC member, fellow teacher/colleague, student, parent, self), educational organization (school, parent group, etc.), or community group. The nomination form should be completed by the nominee and must be signed by the nominee.

2. The nomination packet is divided into four sections. To facilitate review, the nomination packet should be organized as follows:

Section I. Completed nomination form (nominee and nominator information)

Section II. Resume or vitae (3-page maximum), plus responses to exemplary practices and achievements

Section III. Three letters (maximum) of recommendation from colleagues, supervisors, or other professionals that address:

- Innovation
- Evidence of student progress
- Collaboration, leadership, or mentoring

Section IV. Three testimonials from students, parents, or colleagues of the nominee's ability to inspire students

3. The nominee should answer the six questions below and include in Section II after the resume.

4. The nominator should make 2 collated copies of the nomination packet. The original nomination packet should remain with the nominator; the 2 copies should be sent to Diane Vandebossche, CCEC Awards Chairperson. All entries become CCEC property and will not be returned.

5. All nomination packets should be soft bound (presentation folder, loose-leaf, spiral, etc.) and include a table of contents as well as tabbed and titled dividers for each section.

6. The CCEC Awards Standing Committee has the authority to give only one CCEC Teacher of the Year Award or to deny granting the award in any given year.

**Nomination Form**  
*Nominee Information*

CCEC uses information on the nomination form for all future correspondence and publicity. Please make sure all information is accurate, legible, and spelled correctly.

Nomination of (use full name)

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CEC Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years as a Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers (O) (     ) - \_\_\_\_\_ (H) (     ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (     ) - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Job Title/Affiliation

\_\_\_\_\_

Provincial Teaching Certificate

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Board/Division

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Director or Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominee

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**Nominator**

Nominator

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Contact Person

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Address

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Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers (O) ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ (H) ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Fax ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator

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**Exemplary Practices and Achievements of Nominee**

**Responses to the questions below must be typed and double-spaced in 12 point form on a 8 1/2" x11" white paper with one inch top, left, right, and bottom margins. Include in Section 2 with Resume.**

1. Describe how your teaching practices or programs result in effective academic/educational instruction and assessment. Include qualitative evidence regarding student outcomes. (750 word maximum)
2. Describe how your instructional practices are developmentally appropriate and individualized for your students. Include any collaborative efforts you are involved in. (500 word maximum)
3. Describe how you provide a positive learning environment for all your students. (500 word maximum)
4. What issues arise from cultural and linguistic differences and how do you address them in your instruction? (500 word maximum)
5. Describe how your continuing professional development has benefited your instruction and impacted your students. (500 word maximum)
6. Describe the three most critical issues currently facing the field of education and explain how you are addressing these issues in your classroom. (500 word maximum)

## **Additional Accomplishments and Honours**

1. Presentations made (inservices at school and/or district, provincial or national conferences).
2. Provincial and local activities and their benefits to the teacher and/or students and their parents. (500 word maximum)
3. Educational awards or recognition received.

### **Send completed nomination packages to:**

Diane Vandebossche, CCEC Awards Chairperson  
479 Kingsleigh Court  
Milton, Ontario  
L9T 1X6  
dvandebossche@cogeco.ca

**All nomination packets must be postmarked by August 15, 2008**

**The CCEC Awards Committee will make its recommendations to the CCEC Board of Directors in early to mid September.**

**The Chair of the CCEC Awards Committee shall notify the successful candidate in writing by mid September. The CCEC Teacher of the Year 2008 will be presented at the CCEC Fall Board Meeting or the Provincial CEC conference of the successful recipient.**

**The CCEC Teacher of the Year Award winner's nomination packet shall be forwarded to CEC Communications and Public Relations Director at CEC Headquarters for consideration for the CEC Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award before September 28.**