

# **THE “EXCELLENCE IN OCCASIONAL TEACHING” AWARD**

**Co-Sponsored by OSSTF District 24 T/OTBU and Educators Financial Group**

## **Overview**

The sponsors recognize that “Excellence In Occasional Teaching” demands outstanding commitment, focus, and effort. The Occasional Teacher must be able to demonstrate an unwavering level of professionalism while encountering a range of situations on a day-to-day basis. The “Excellence In Occasional Teaching” Award is awarded annually to the T/OTBU Member(s) who regularly excels as an Occasional Teacher as per the criteria listed below.

## **Criteria for Selection**

The candidate should regularly demonstrate an **outstanding ability** to:

- Adapt their teaching style to meet the needs of different schools and/or classes;
- Engage and build rapport with students, both in and out of the classroom;
- Interact with members of the school community in a courteous and upbeat fashion;
- Communicate effectively with various educational stakeholders;
- Follow and fulfill the assigned duties of the occasional teaching position(s);
- Take initiative and exhibit professional growth as a Teacher/Occasional Teacher.

## **Eligibility**

A T/OTBU candidate for the award must be currently active on the Board’s Secondary Occasional Teacher Roster (both short-term and long-term occasional teachers are eligible), and must not have received the award previously.

## **Nomination Procedure**

Candidates for the award may be nominated by any Member(s) of the T/OTBU with up to five (5) letters of support illustrating the Criteria for Selection. Nomination packages may also include testimonials from other staff or students. *[Note that a letter of support or testimonial from a fellow Member shall in no way constitute a performance appraisal or replace a formal letter of reference in job applications.]*

Nomination packages must be received at the District Office **by 4:00 p.m. on the first Thursday in May** in order for the candidate to be considered for the current Federation year. Candidates may decline the nomination.

## **Award Disbursement**

Educators Financial Group will donate a monetary prize of \$300 to be distributed to the successful candidate(s) each year, as selected by the T/OTBU Awards Committee. The recipient(s) will also receive a lapel pin and letter of recognition from the T/OTBU, along with having their name(s) published on the District 24 T/OTBU website.