

# 2010 Excellence in Teaching Awards Program

**To be nominated for an Excellence in Teaching Award is an Honour.**

## PURPOSE:

- recognizes outstanding Alberta teachers and principals
- honours creative, innovative and outstanding teaching
- focuses public attention on the teaching profession
- involves Albertans in celebrating teaching excellence.

## RECOGNITION:

- eligible nominees receive certificates of recognition
- semi-finalists, who are not award recipients, receive certificates of recognition and access to \$1500 for professional development
- semi-finalists are honoured at regional celebrations in April
- Provincial Excellence in Teaching Award recipients receive certificates of recognition, commemorative pins and access to \$4000 for professional development
- SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Award recipients receive certificates of recognition, commemorative pins and comprehensive technology packages
- award recipients' schools receive monetary awards and certificates of recognition
- Provincial Excellence in Teaching Award recipients and SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Award recipients are honoured at a special dinner and ceremony in May.

## ELIGIBILITY:

- nominees must, at the time of nomination:
  - hold an Alberta permanent professional teaching certificate
  - teach or support the teaching of courses of study and education programs authorized by the *School Act* during the 2009-2010 school year
  - work directly with students in a school setting on a daily basis (may be a principal or other certificated staff member).

## RESTRICTIONS:

- only one nomination per certificated teacher is accepted
- previous Provincial Excellence in Teaching Award recipients and SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Award recipients are not eligible
- teachers must be nominated individually; teacher teams are not eligible
- any teacher who was selected as a semi-finalist in 2007, 2008 or 2009 is not eligible for nomination in 2010.

## DEADLINE:

- **February 5, 2010.**

PRESENTED BY:

**Government of Alberta** ■  
Education

## SELECTION CRITERIA

### PROVINCIAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The **Criteria for Selection** below apply to all award categories.

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:**

- introducing or applying successful or proven practices or approaches new to a classroom or a school
- adapting approaches advocated in the literature or elsewhere for specific contexts of teaching and learning
- championing a successful or proven approach throughout a school or school district/division
- developing teacher resources or materials that complement an existing approach.

### SMARTER KIDS FOUNDATION INNOVATIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AWARD

The Selection Committee will look for **specific examples** of how the nominee excels in meeting the "Criteria for Selection" through the use of technology.

## SELECTION PROCESS

- A rigorous selection process reviews each eligible nomination package to ensure the criteria have been met.
- The Selection Committee is made up of representatives from: Alberta Education, the Alberta School Boards Association, the Alberta School Councils' Association, the Alberta Teachers' Association, the Association of Alberta Deans of Education, the Association of Independent Schools and Colleges, the College of Alberta School Superintendents, the Council on Alberta Teaching Standards.

SUPPORTED BY:

