

February 4, 2026
D/BU #102/2025-2026

OTF/FEO Special Recognition Award

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Vaino Poysa, General Secretary

For Information

The OTF Special Recognition 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 efforts of the individual, group or organization must have the goal of improving publicly funded education in Ontario. The nominee's contributions may be at the local or provincial level and must have been sustained over an extended period of time.

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.

Anyone can nominate: parents, students, teachers, administrators, and members of the public.

The recipient of the award will be notified in May and will be recognized at the OTF Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors in August. The monetary amount of the award is \$1,000 which may be retained by the award recipient or directed by the recipient to an educational charitable organization or other worthwhile educational cause.

Nominations are now open and close on **March 31, 2026**.

To nominate or for further information, visit [OTF Special Recognition Award](#).

VP/kp