



Arbos **Award**

2009-2010

Information on Nomination





The Arbos Award

for Outstanding Contributions to Education and the Teaching Profession

About the Arbos Awards

Since 1951 the STF has provided awards to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education and brought honour to the teaching profession. In 1999, the STF Council accepted the recommendations of an Ad Hoc Committee on Honours and Awards to modify and update its awards program. The centrepiece of the new program is the annual presentation of the Arbos Awards.

The Arbos is the highest honour that the Saskatchewan teaching profession can confer. Each Arbos Award entails honorary life membership in the STF and is formalized with the presentation of a figure of the Arbos, the stylized tree that has become the symbol of the STF. The presentation is made at the STF Annual Council Meeting and is widely publicized to the STF membership and the public. Through the Arbos Awards, those individuals who have distinguished themselves through the scope, impact and significance of their contributions to education and the teaching profession are given the recognition they so richly deserve.

There are three types of Arbos Awards, all of equal importance and prestige:

1. **The Arbos for Contributions to the Professional Organization** is given to STF members for outstanding contributions to education and/or the teaching profession. These contributions may vary widely in nature but are widely recognized as broad and significant in their scope and impact;
2. **The Arbos for Distinguished Support of Education and the Teaching Profession**, which is awarded only occasionally at the discretion of the STF Executive, is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education or the teaching profession in another capacity than as an STF member or employee; and
3. **The Arbos for Contributions to Education and the Teaching Profession** is given annually using the procedures and criteria laid out in this guide. It recognizes STF members who have made outstanding contributions to education and/or the teaching profession. These contributions may vary widely in nature but are widely recognized as broad and significant in their scope and impact.

The Arbos Award for Contributions to Education and the Teaching Profession

Purpose

To promote and honour outstanding contributions to education and the profession of teaching.

Objectives

1. To recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education and the profession of teaching that are broad and significant in scope and impact.
2. To promote pride and dedication among teachers.
3. To bring public recognition to the contributions of teachers to education and the community.

Eligibility

The award is given to current or former STF members for contributions made while a member of the STF. Superannuated teachers are considered to be STF members for the purpose of the award, while associate members are not. This is an individual award, it will not be given to a school staff, group of teachers or an organization.

Nominations may be submitted by an individual or group involved in the education system (local associations, special subject councils, teachers, trustees, directors of education, teacher educators or officials in educational organizations). Nominations will not be accepted from parents or students.

Criteria

Award recipients must have demonstrated exemplary professional conduct and any or all of the following:

1. Recognized leadership or inspirational conduct with a positive impact on students, teachers, schools, communities, educational organizations or public education.
2. Innovation or achievement in an education-related field that brings honour to the teaching profession.
3. Dedicated service to teachers and the teaching profession that may include but is not limited to intensive involvement in the professional organization.
4. Outstanding contributions to education that may be either cumulative or specific in nature.
5. Contributions that are generally recognized as being broad and significant in scope and/or impact.

The Provincial Awards Committee

The STF Executive has appointed the Provincial Awards Committee to select the recipients of Arbos Awards for outstanding contributions to education and the teaching profession. The Committee consists of teachers, including some Executive members, and reflects the Saskatchewan teaching force as closely as possible according to gender, region, grade level, years of experience and school role. Applications for appointment to the Committee are sought through advertisement in the *Saskatchewan Bulletin*.

The Selection Process and Nomination Procedures

At the beginning of each school year, the Provincial Awards Committee calls for nominations for the award. The call is advertised in the *Bulletin* and other STF publications, and it is sent along with this form to the STF staff representative in each school, as well as to local association presidents, councillors and other educational organizations. The nomination form is also available on the STF's website at www.stf.sk.ca

The deadline for the submission of nominations is October 30, 2009. Nominations will be accepted if they arrive at the STF office on or before 5:00 p.m. on October 30. Nomination forms that are faxed or e-mailed will **not** be accepted. Those making the nominations will receive a written acknowledgement that their nominations have been received.

Completed nominations should be directed to:

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Inquiries and requests for assistance in submitting a nomination may also be made to the same address.

The information on your nomination must address all the subject areas listed on pages four and five. It should be noted that information not requested in the nomination form is not likely to be considered by the Provincial Awards Committee. Please do not include with the nomination any letters of reference or other testimonials as to the contributions of the nominee.

Soon after the nominations deadline, the Provincial Awards Committee will meet to consider the nominations and select one individual who will be recommended to the STF Executive as the year's recipient of the Arbos for outstanding contributions to education and the teaching profession. Only under extraordinary circumstances will more than one Arbos award of this type be considered in any given year. The Executive will finalize the decision concerning Arbos Award recipients at its meeting in January. The General Secretary of the STF will then inform the recipients and arrange for a formal presentation of the Arbos at the next STF Annual Meeting of Council.



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Information Requested on Nominations

Instructions:

All nominations must be typewritten and in paragraph form. The writer must clearly indicate that the nomination is for the Arbos Award. It is not necessary to retype each of the following on your attached nomination information, however, the number to which you are responding must be clear. Please submit your completed nomination as instructed on the previous page.

1. Nominee

Please provide the **name of nominee, position within education** (e.g. teacher, principal, trustee, superannuate, director, teacher educator), **mailing address** and **phone number**.

2. STF Membership

Please Note: For the purposes of this award, superannuated teachers are considered to be STF members, but associate members are not.

- Is the nominee a current or former member of the STF?
If yes, indicate the number of years that the nominee has been an STF member.
- Was the substance of the nominee's contributions to education and the teaching profession made while a member of the STF?

3. Accomplishments in Education

Please describe the nominee's accomplishments in education. These may have taken the form of leadership, service, innovations, achievements or successes. Please note any relevant awards that the nominee has received.

4. Professional Career

Please provide a brief outline of the nominee's professional career. Indicate the positions and the offices that the nominee has held in education and any education-related positions or offices held in the community.

5. Arbos Award Criteria

Please describe how the nominee has demonstrated exemplary professional conduct, and meets any or all of the following criteria.

- a. Recognized leadership or inspirational conduct with a positive impact on students, teachers, schools, communities, educational organizations or public education.
- b. Innovation or achievement in an education-related field that brings honour to the teaching profession.
- c. Dedicated service to teachers and the teaching profession that may include, but is not limited to intensive involvement in the professional organization.
- d. Outstanding contributions to education that may be either cumulative or specific in nature.
- e. Contributions that are generally recognized as being broad and significant in scope and/or impact.

6. References

Please provide the **names** and **contact information** (name, phone number and mailing address) for **three references** who may be contacted for further information about the nominee's contributions to education and the teaching profession. Do not attach letters of reference or testimonials.

7. Signature of Nominee

Please ensure that the statement below is retyped on your nomination followed by the nominee's signature.

I hereby signify that the information provided on this nomination form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and the nomination is submitted with my full knowledge and consent.

8. Nominator

Please provide the **name of nominator, contact person** (if nominator is an organization or group), **signature of nominator or contact person, mailing address** and **phone number**.



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