



SASKATCHEWAN
TEACHERS'
FEDERATION

ARBOS AWARD

NOMINATION INFORMATION



THE ARBOS AWARDS

About the Arbos Awards

The centerpiece of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation awards program is the Arbos, named after the stylized tree that has become the symbol of the STF. The Arbos is the highest honour that the Saskatchewan teaching profession can bestow. Each Arbos includes honorary life membership in the Federation and is formalized with the presentation of an artistic replica of the Arbos symbol at a banquet held during the Federation's Annual Meeting of Council. Through the Arbos awards, the Federation draws the attention of its members and the public to individuals who have distinguished themselves through the scope, impact and significance of their educational contributions to public education and to the teaching profession.

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

1. **The Arbos for Contributions to Education and the Teaching Profession** honours teachers who have made outstanding contributions to education and the teaching profession that are broad and significant in their scope and impact. The recipient of this award is selected from nominations submitted by local associations, professional growth networks, teachers, trustees, directors of education, teacher educators or officials in educational

organizations. A selection committee of teachers forwards the name of one of the nominees to the STF Executive as the recommended recipient for this award.

2. **The Arbos for Contributions to the Professional Organization** honours individuals who have made contributions to the professional organization at the provincial, national and/or international levels. This award is given at the discretion of the STF Executive.
3. **The Arbos for Distinguished Support of Education and the Teaching Profession** honours individuals who are not members of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and who have made significant contributions to education and to the teaching profession through their advocacy and support for teachers and for public education. This award is given at the discretion of the STF Executive.

THE ARBOS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION AND THE TEACHING PROFESSION

Purpose

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

Objectives

1. To recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education and the teaching profession that are broad and significant in scope and impact.
2. To promote pride and dedication among teachers.
3. To publicly acknowledge the contributions teachers make to the well-being of children, to the professionalism of teachers and the sustaining and enhancing of public education.

Eligibility

The award is given to current or former STF members for contributions made while a member of the Federation. Superannuated teachers are considered to be STF members for the purpose of the award, while associate members are not. The Arbos awards are individual awards not intended for groups of people or organizations.

Nominations may be submitted by an individual or group involved in the educational community including but not limited to local associations, professional growth networks, 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.

All award recipients must exemplify the professional standards as put forth in the three codes of Professional Competence, Professional Ethics and Collective Interests.

THE SELECTION PROCESS AND NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The STF Executive, at their September 2010 meeting, approved a new selection process for the Arbos for Contributions to Education and the Teaching Profession. This process supports the following goals:

1. Increasing the visibility of the Arbos awards in local associations and the larger education community.
2. Including more teachers in the selection process.
3. Maintaining a high level of integrity in the selection process.
4. Fostering peer recognition.
5. Promoting member engagement.

A call for nominations for the award is advertised in the *Saskatchewan Teachers Federation Bulletin* and What's New at the Federation. Information and nomination forms are posted on the Federation website at www.stf.sk.ca.

The deadline for the submission of nominations is November 15. Nominations will be accepted if they arrive at the STF office on or before 5 p.m. on November 15. Those making the nominations will receive acknowledgement that their nominations have been received.

Completed nominations should be directed to:

Member Services

By Mail:

Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
2317 Arlington Avenue, Saskatoon SK S7J 2H8

By Email:

stf@stf.sk.ca

Requests for information can be directed to the Federation by calling 306-373-1660 or 1-800-667-7762.

The information on the nomination form must follow the suggested format and be thoughtful, specific and complete. This is the only information that will be considered in the selection process. Please do not include any letters of reference or other testimonials in addition to the information requested.

Soon after the nominations deadline, the Arbos selection committee will meet to consider the nominations and make a recommendation to the Executive based on the awards criteria. The Executive will finalize the decision concerning the Arbos award recipients. The formal presentation of the Arbos will be arranged for the next STF Annual Meeting of Council.

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NOMINATION FORM

Instructions:

Please print and complete this form in full (including signatures) and 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, superannuate, teacher educator), mailing address and telephone 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.

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6. REFERENCES

Please provide the names and contact information (name, telephone 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.

Reference 1

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Reference 2

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Reference 3

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

7. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

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.

Signature: _____

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 telephone number.

Nominator/Contact Person: _____

Signature: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____



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