

### **Nominations Open for Outstanding Educators**

There are many examples of excellence in Ontario's schools, and as many reasons to nominate someone for a Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence.

These awards celebrate educators and support staff who make remarkable contributions to Ontario's schools.

Anyone employed in Ontario's publicly funded schools and boards can be nominated. There are six award categories:

- Teacher of the Year
- New Teacher of the Year
- Early Childhood Educator of the Year
- Excellent Support Staff
- Excellence in Leadership
- Team of the Year
- Full-Day Kindergarten Team of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement

Nominations are open until February 6, 2012. Award recipients will be announced in the spring and recognized at a special awards ceremony during Education Week.

To learn more about the awards and how to nominate, visit [www.ontario.ca/teachingawards](http://www.ontario.ca/teachingawards).