



Canadian Vision Teachers' Conference 2012

Richmond Hill, Ontario
April 3-5, 2012

AWARDS NOMINATION *"Inspire, Innovate and Collaborate"*

- **Do you have a colleague who provides exceptional service to students who are blind or who have low vision?**
- **Do you know someone who provides resources or support services that enhance the lives of students who are blind or who have low vision?**

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HONOUR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Awards Ceremony (April 3, 2012)

The CVTC Awards will be presented at the Canadian Vision Teachers' Conference (CVTC) 2012 Opening Ceremony on April 3, 2012. The Awards will take place during a reception at approximately 9:45 p.m. (following the keynote address).

The CVTC 2012 is being held at the:

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, Suites and Conference Centre
600 Highway 7 East
Richmond Hill, Ontario
L4B 1B2

Awards Available

Excellence in Teaching: The recipient of this award shall be an individual who is engaged in direct service to students who are blind or who have low vision and whose service, innovative approach, and dedication have been outstanding in the field of education of students who are blind or who have low vision.

Distinguished Service Award: The recipient of this award shall be an individual who is indirectly involved in activities which substantially benefit or contribute to the education of students who are blind or who have low vision. The intent of this award is to acknowledge and celebrate those in administrative positions, university professors, Braille transcribers, etc.

Who is Eligible?

These awards are open to anyone who works in providing service to Canadian students who are blind or who have low vision.

How will recipients be chosen?

A selection panel, made up of members from the vision education community, will select the winners. The panel will assess nominations on how closely they meet the category criteria.

Criteria:

- serves with long-standing dedication to students who are blind or who have low vision
- contributes to innovation or creative programs for students who are blind or who have low vision
- sees the ability in every student and encourages students to see ability within themselves
- contributes to a collaborative teaching and learning environment
- supports, facilitates, and promotes continuous professional learning in the field
- sets high standards and helps others reach them
- enhances the lives of students who are blind or who have low vision

How do I nominate someone?

1. Complete the nomination form. Attach a nomination letter outlining how the candidate meets the selection criteria (not to exceed 3 pages). Letters must contain an original signature.
2. Collect letters of support from two other people (not to exceed 2 pages), including original signatures.
3. Get the nominees permission.
4. Submit the entire package by the deadline of **February 8, 2012**.

What information should be included in the nomination letter?

Your letter should give reasons for nominating this person, supported by clear examples. Nomination letters should not exceed 3 pages in length (12 point font). In writing this letter you may wish to consider the following:

- Why should this person be selected for this award?
- How does this person demonstrate their dedication to students, staff and/or community?
- What innovative practices have they contributed to further student learning?
- How does this person demonstrate their belief that every student can learn and how do they foster this belief in others?
- How does this individual contribute to a professional, collaborative teaching and learning environment?
- In what ways has this person enhanced the lives of students who are blind or who have low vision?

Who should write a letter of support and what information should be included?

Letters of support should be written by someone who has direct experience or knowledge of the nominee's contributions. Support letters should provide clear evidence and examples that demonstrate how the nominee meets the selection criteria. Support letters should not exceed 2 typed pages (12 point font).



CVTC 2012 Nomination Checklist

- Cover Sheet and Nomination Letter with your signature
- Nominee's Consent Form, signed by the person being nominated
- Letters of support from two other people, each signed by the person providing the letter
- The completed nomination form and all supporting materials should be mailed in one package to:

Nancy Sanders
Director, Provincial Schools Branch,
Ministry of Education
(CVTC Awards Committee)

c/o Kari Veno, Communications
255 Ontario Street South
Milton, Ontario L9T 2M5

- All nominations must be received or postmarked by **February 8, 2012**.

Note: *All items above must be mailed together, not "to be forwarded at a later date". If any items are missing, the nomination will not be processed for consideration.*

CVTC 2012 Awards Nominee's Consent Form

To be completed by the nominee:

Last Name:	First Name:
Street Address (in full):	
Employed at:	
Address (in full):	
Work Telephone: ()	Home Telephone: ()
E-mail Address:	

Number of years engaged in supporting students who are blind or who have low vision:

Please briefly outline highlights of your employment history and/or academic career:

I _____ accept this nomination and acknowledge that the information contained on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, current and accurate.

X _____ Signature of Nominee
Date