OTIP Principal and Vice-Principal Awards - Rules and regulations

Two winners will be selected each year; one for each principal and vice-principal category.

Eligibility

Nominations are open to full-time, active principals and vice-principals who are Regular Members of the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC), excluding those in acting (interim) vice-principal roles and who are in good standing with both the OPC and the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT).

Award Details

Selected recipients will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the education community.
Each winner will receive:

- A personal award of one thousand dollars ($1,000 CAD) and
- An official Certificate of Recognition.

Prizes must be accepted as awarded and may not be substituted, except at the sole discretion of OTIP.

Nomination Rules

Only one nomination per category, per nominator will be accepted.

If multiple nominations are received from the same nominator in one category, they will be treated as a single nomination. The earliest submission will be used for consideration.

Nominations may be submitted online or by regular mail using the downloadable Nomination Form.

Contest Period

Start date: January 11, 2027

Deadline: March 1, 2027 (All nominations must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on the closing date)

Entry Requirements

By submitting a nomination, you represent and warrant that your submission:

- Is original, truthful, and not plagiarized
- Does not infringe any copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property rights of a third party
- Has not been previously published or distributed in any form, including online or on social media
- Will not be submitted to another contest or award program in the future without prior written consent from OTIP.

Selection and Notification

An OTIP committee will review all eligible nominations and develop a shortlist of up to ten (10) candidates for consideration by a final judging panel, which will include an OTIP representative.

Winners will be selected by the final jury panel. All decisions of the committees and jury are final and binding.

Selected winners will be notified by email and must complete OTIP's identity verification process. If a selected winner does not meet the Eligibility Requirements, an alternate winner will be chosen.

Awards will be issued by cheque in Canadian funds, payable directly to the winners.

Publication of Results

The names of the winners will be posted on the OPC and OTIP websites in October/November 2027. They will also be shared in the OPC's President's Message.

Odds of Winning

The odds of winning depend on the total number of eligible nominations received by the deadline.

Responsibilities of the Nominator

It is the sole responsibility of the nominator to notify OTIP of any changes to their own or the nominee's email address.

Publicity and Use of Information

By entering the OTIP Principal and Vice-Principal Awards, winners consent to the use of their name and the name of their school or primary workplace for promotional purposes, without further compensation, in any media now known or later developed, worldwide and in perpetuity, unless prohibited by law.

Winners will also be asked to participate in photography, videography, or other media content related to the awards. OTIP will provide reasonable notice and details regarding any such requests.

Limitation of Liability

OTIP is not responsible for nominations that are lost, late, damaged, destroyed, misdirected, or delayed, including those affected by technical or computer malfunctions during submission, transmission, or receipt.

Acceptance of Rules

By participating, all entrants confirm that the information provided in their nomination is true and correct and agree to be bound by these Rules and Regulations.

General Conditions

OTIP reserves the right to administer, withdraw, terminate, suspend, cancel, or modify any part of the OTIP Principal and Vice-Principal Awards, including the Eligibility Requirements, at any time and without prior notice.

The OTIP Principal and Vice-Principal Awards are subject to all applicable federal, provincial, and municipal laws and are governed by the laws of Canada and the Province of Ontario.