



ALGOMA DISTRICT ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

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1. SUPPORT STAFF AWARD (Custodial, Secretarial, Educational Assistant and DECE)

In an effort to identify and reward outstanding support personnel, the Algoma District Elementary Teachers' Local may recognize an individual who qualifies for this award.

Criteria: (Please consider the following criteria in the letters of recommendation)

- a. Does not hold ETFO membership;
- b. Ability and willingness to work co-operatively with fellow professionals, school administration and parents where applicable;
- c. Willingness to devote time and energy to activities which result in a positive learning environment for students;
- d. Willingness to devote time and energy to activities within the school community;
- e. Innovative practices in the exercise of their position.

2. INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR AWARD

The Innovative Educators Award may be given to an Active Algoma ETFO member or group of members who have undertaken an innovative project in education. The Algoma District Elementary Teachers may recognize up to 3 projects.

An award of \$100 to be used to enhance the project/community will be presented to the recipient(s).

Criteria:

- A. The Innovative Educators Award may be granted to a current member of Algoma ETFO who holds a valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate of Qualification;
- B. This award is to recognize an innovative project(s) that will enhance student learning, public relations, character education and/or social justice and equity;
- C. Along with the Nomination Form, please consider including the following:
 - 1) Detailed goals and objectives of the educator's project(s);
 - 2) impact on school community, student or colleague;
 - 3) how it has promoted student learning, public relations, character education and/or social justice and equity;
 - 4) assessment;
 - 5) timeline of implementation;
 - 6) materials/ equipment required;
- D. The recipient(s) must be willing to share their innovative project with other educators;
- E. Letter(s) of recommendation.

3. OUTSTANDING BUS DRIVER AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding levels of service by school bus drivers. The Algoma District Elementary teachers may recognize an individual each year for this award

Criteria:

- a. Any act of heroism, either in the saving of a life or lives, or in the prevention of an accident or accidents.
- b. An act, or acts, above and beyond that which would normally be considered the regular line of duty.
- c. Any action or initiative, of an educational nature, which might result in a greater appreciation, understanding and acceptance of safety precautions on the part of students. (Giving talks to classes on ways to improve behaviour and obedience to safety rules; recommending and/or initiating major safety presentations to school or any other duly constituted authority would qualify under this category.)
- d. Any publicly-stated position, either through the media or any responsible official body, demonstrating the urgent need to make changes which, if implemented, would result in greatly improved safety standards for students being transported by school buses in Ontario

INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE

Total number of kilometers driven per day on regular route	
Pupil capacity of school bus operated normally	
Total number of years as a school bus driver	
Number of years with present school board as a bus driver	
Approximate number of kilometers driven as a bus driver	

Transportation Bus Company Owner: _____

Bus Company Address: _____

Bus Company Telephone: _____

State clearly, and in as much detail as possible, the special activities and achievements of your nominee as they relate to the criteria established. The more topic related information the better for the consideration of an Algoma ETFO Outstanding Bus Driver Award.

4. HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR AN ETFO MEMBER

This award may be granted each year by the Algoma District Elementary Teachers' Local to an active ETFO member who has given outstanding service to education and the community and embodies Humanitarian ideals.

Criteria:

Numerous criteria are used in evaluating nominees but the most important is the willingness to devote time and energy to humanitarian projects (volunteerism). Candidates to be considered for this award will need supportive information regarding the following criteria:

- a. Willingness to devote time and energy to community activities and to demonstrate leadership within the community (volunteerism).
- b. Concern for individual students and an ability to inspire learning and improve instruction.
- c. Ability and willingness to make contributions to the field of education.
- d. Ability and willingness to work cooperatively with fellow professionals.
- e. Miscellaneous or intangible impact.

5. VOLUNTEER AWARD FOR A NON- ETFO MEMBER

This award may be granted each year by the Algoma District Elementary Teachers' Local to an individual or a group of individuals who do not hold ETFO membership but have given outstanding service to education and their community.

Criteria:

Criteria used in evaluating nominees will be the ability to enhance the environment and value of the daily education experience for students of all backgrounds and abilities. Candidates for the award will be considered on the basis of these criteria:

- a. Do not hold an ETFO membership.
- b. Have given outstanding service to education and their community.
- c. Demonstrated leadership which benefits children.
- d. Applications should include:
 1. Descriptions of specific activities or projects for which the nominee has been responsible.
 2. Indications of the significance of these projects to students, education and the depth of the nominee's involvement. Highlight those areas which are particularly innovative.
 3. The role played by the nominee in the individual or group activity.

6. HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Honorary Life Membership with the Algoma District Elementary Teachers may be granted to a member who has retired from the education profession prior to this year's Algoma ETFO Annual Meeting and who has given service to Algoma ETFO or its predecessor organizations.

Criteria:

The Honorary Life Membership Award(s) may be granted to a candidate who:

- a. has retired from the education profession prior to this year's Annual Meeting.
- b. has provided outstanding leadership and service at the Local and/or Provincial levels as Executive, Released positions, Unit Reps and Standing Committees.
- c. has demonstrated high standards of personal and professional ethics
- d. is a selfless advocate of the objects and goals of Algoma ETFO or its predecessor organizations
- e. has devoted time and energy to community activities
- f. has engaged in mentorship activities (encouraging federation activity, fostering a positive teaching environment)

Please give detailed support examples of how the nominee meets the above criteria, such as: list the federation activities with the years of service, involvement in related clubs or committees (Labour Council, Municipal Council, Local Boards etc.), volunteerism, involvement in Community Service that benefited and enhanced teachers and the profession, advocacy for issues related to education, Labour or child welfare, other Awards, etc. as relevant.

Procedures to apply for any of these awards:

- 1. Nominations for a local award will be made on the nomination form provided. For nominations involving more than one member, please include the names of all those involved on the nomination form, so that all members are properly recognized**

- 2. Nominations must be received by due date set each year. Send to Awards Committee, Algoma ETFO.**
123 March Street, Suite 400
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
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Or through courier (if size allows) to Lee Mason – Algoma ETFO

- 3. The applications are processed by the Algoma ETFO Awards Committee.**

Award Availability Break Down

<u>Award</u>	<u>Awards given per Year</u>	<u>Keepsake</u>	<u>Donation**</u>
Support staff	1	Plaque	Yes
Outstanding Bus Driver	1	Plaque	Yes
Innovative Educator	3	Plaque	Yes
Volunteer Award for Non-ETFO member	1	Plaque	Yes
Humanitarian Award for ETFO member	1	Plaque	Yes
Honorary Life Member Algoma ETFO	unlimited	Plaque	Yes

**Innovative Educator – donation to recipient themselves for use in project. The rest are donations to a charity of winner's choice.

Should no applications for certain awards be received, then the money may be spent on a recipient for another award with Executive approval.