

Since 1989 the *Excellence in Teaching Awards* Program has recognized the innovative and outstanding teaching that takes place every day in classrooms across Alberta.

Parents, teacher-colleagues, principals, superintendents and all Albertans are encouraged to show their appreciation by nominating an outstanding teacher or principal for an Excellence in Teaching Award.

Supporters of the program include: the Alberta School Boards Association, the Alberta School Councils' Association, the Alberta Teachers' Association, the Association of Alberta Deans of Education, the College of Alberta School Superintendents, the Council on Alberta Teaching Standards, and the Edmonton Journal.

In the Excellence in Teaching Awards Program:

- eligible nominees receive certificates of recognition
- semi-finalists, who are not award recipients, receive certificates of recognition and access to \$1500 for professional development
- semi-finalists are honored at regional celebrations in April
- Provincial Excellence in Teaching Award recipients receive certificates of recognition, commemorative pins and access to \$4000 for professional development
- award recipients' schools receive monetary awards and certificates of recognition
- Provincial Excellence in Teaching Award recipients are honored at a special dinner and ceremony in May.

Nominations will be accepted until February 8, 2013. Nomination packages, along with details on eligibility and the selection criteria, may be obtained by calling toll free 1-866-590-1660. To download a package, visit the Alberta Education website at: www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx