

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** October 7, 2022  
**Regarding:** **ETFO Awards Program Information and Deadlines**

Below is a message from Carla Pereira:

Presidents,

As you know, every day, ETFO members make outstanding contributions to curriculum development, the arts, environment, science and technology, children's literature, health and safety, 2SLGBTQ+ realities, and humanitarian causes.

With so much to celebrate, the ETFO Awards Program recognizes members and others for their distinguished academic achievements, service, and outstanding contributions to education and the Federation. ETFO distributes over \$120,000 annually through the program.

Members can nominate themselves, their colleagues and/or community members, as applicable. ETFO accepts one application per applicant per year.

There are two application periods: one for [ETFO Awards \(OPEN NOW!\)](#), and one for [ETFO Scholarships and Bursaries](#).

**The deadline to apply for ETFO Awards is February 1. Individuals may apply for Scholarships and Bursaries between February 1 and April 30 each year.**

Applicants and local presidents can expect to hear regarding the disposition of awards after June 30.

Please feel free to share the attachment, as well as the link to the [ETFO Awards Program page](#), with your members.

**Please note** that the signature of the local president is no longer required on many of the applications as it was determined that this could be a barrier for some. However, the following awards still require nomination by the local:

- Health and Safety Activist Award;
- Honorary Life Membership Award;
- International Humanitarian Award for an ETFO Member;
- International Humanitarian Award for a non-ETFO Member;
- Local Humanitarian Award for an ETFO Member;
- Local Humanitarian Award for a non-ETFO Member;
- Member Service and Engagement Award;
- New Member Award;
- Outstanding Role Model for Women;
- Political Activist Award; and
- Women Working in Social Activism on Behalf of Women and Children Award.

Our goal is to increase the number of applications this year! We appreciate your support.

For more information, please contact Carla Pereira at [cpereira@etfo.org](mailto:cpereira@etfo.org).

For more information regarding this *Communiqué* please contact the Local office by phone at 519-474-3150, or by email at [etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com](mailto:etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com)

*c/ Released Executive, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local  
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**“The collective agreement is the rule book, not a guidebook.”**