

## District 15 Awards of Merit:

OSSTF District 15 has an annual tradition of recognizing outstanding member achievements in a variety of areas. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague for one or more of the awards described below.

### General Guidelines:

- Nominations should be submitted using the [Google Form](#) provided, with all fields completed.
- Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday April 18th, 2025 at 4pm.
- Nominations must focus on the nominee's accomplishments/involvement as outlined in the award criteria below and should fall within the range of 200-400 words (minimum of half a page to a maximum of one-page written length in order to provide adequate detail).

### Award Dispersion Criteria:

- Individuals may be nominated in multiple award categories, but will only be eligible to win one award in a given year;
- Selection criteria is based on the content of nomination submissions, not the total number of nominations;
- The Awards Selection Committee will determine which, if any, applicant will receive an award based on the established criteria. The Awards Selection Committee reserves the right not to grant an award in any given year.

**Award winners will be selected by a 4-member panel appointed by the Teachers' / Occasional Teachers' Bargaining Unit Council. Award winners, and their nominators, will be invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Bargaining Unit Assembly in May where their award will be presented. Awards also include a cash prize of \$250. For more information, please contact the District Office.**

## Award Descriptions

### District 15 Awards of Merit:

#### Peter Carroll District Service Award

Awarded to a member who has:

- Made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Federation in their Branch or the District;
- Done exemplary work as a representative of District 15 in the provincial organization;
- Promoted awareness of labour issues in the course of their teaching practice; and/or
- Demonstrated leadership in local labour councils and/or labour unions.

#### Branch Service Awards

Awarded to 2 members, one in the North (Muskoka) and one in the South (CKL/Haliburton):

- Demonstrates consistent leadership, service or contribution within their Branch;
- Dependable representative/member at branch meetings, branch and district training, local and district action, and in the daily work of the union;
- Advances collegiality, professionalism, and solidarity within a local branch of District 15

### **Dedication to Volunteerism and Community Building Award**

Awarded to a member who has:

- Demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism in their local community, outside of the school (including but not limited to: Food Banks, Shelters, Environmentalism, Community Coaching, Service Clubs, etc);
- Inspired others in the course of their professional practice to become active in their community; and/or
- Enhances a more positive relationship between OSSTF and the local community.

### **Advancement of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award**

Awarded to a member who has:

- Significant involvement in projects to support equity, diversity, and inclusion for all;
- Involvement with the development of programs that have a positive impact on the lives of marginalized (LGBTQ+, and/or BIPOC) students;
- Participated in initiatives to enhance involvement, activism, and opportunities for leadership in marginalized groups; and/or
- Involvement in political action and advocacy to protect and enhance equity.

The member's work may be directed within OSSTF itself, but may also include efforts within education, broader social movements, and/or the local, provincial, national, or international community.

A list of previous award recipients can be found on the District 15 website:

<https://osstfd15.net/awards/district-awards>