

OSSTF TORONTO
Jim McQueen Excellence in Education Award

Criteria

The ***Jim McQueen Excellence in Education Award*** (formerly the OSSTF District 12 STBU Award) recognizes students in the Toronto District School Board for their exceptional involvement and service to their school and/or community life. This award will be presented to one student from each secondary/junior high school in the TDSB.

Schools may select the recipient based on any one or more of the following criteria:

OUTSTANDING PARTICIPATION IN AND CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL LIFE

This category includes any student who goes beyond expectation in any area of the school's life. Candidates might be the yearbook or newsletter editor whose efforts go beyond the call of duty, an athlete who embodies the spirit of the school in his or her work, or any person who does more than just participate. One who extends him/herself to encourage others, or one who puts the good of the whole school first, would be an excellent candidate.

EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

The likely candidate in this area is someone who gives of himself or herself for the good of the whole school community. A student who assists in a senior citizens' home, one who is active in Youth Assisting Youth; or one who helps someone less fortunate are examples of who could qualify in this category.

UNIQUE AND DISTINGUISHED EFFORT

This student has achieved personal excellence in any number of areas during his or her school life. He or she may have excelled in areas of arts, sports, academics, volunteer service, either in the school or within the community. This student may have overcome great obstacles in his or her life and subsequently gone on to become a better person.

CITIZENSHIP

This student may not be a future leader of our society, but will certainly contribute to its improvement. This person could be someone who is a leader among his or her peers, respected for effort and achievement and who uses his or her ability to lead others for their own benefit through precept or example.

DISCRETIONARY

This may be a student who stands out for some reason or reasons that escape categorization. This student may not be a scholar, an athlete, or a student government participant but probably is known by the staff and students as the one to count on when they need help, enthusiastic support or a good friend.