

Student Achievement Awards 2024

To: Presidents Only

From: Joel Duff, Associate General Secretary – Professional Services

For Information

OSSTF/FEESO is pleased to announce the opening of the annual Student Achievement Awards. **This year, our Student Achievement Awards theme is “This Hits Different – The Power of Language!”** Two bilingual posters and information documents were delivered to each workplace in September to promote both the \$1,000 provincial prizes and this year’s theme. Included in each package sent to workplaces was an infographic outlining the application process, tips for both students and supporting staff Members and a student announcement template to generate interest in the school. There have been some changes to categories, due to destreaming, and the entry form and guidelines reflect that. In the Division A – Prose and Poetry categories, the changes reflect the destreaming that has been introduced in our schools. There is an Intermediate 9-10 category and a Senior 11-12 category, rather than the previous “streamed” categories. In addition, our French category has changed to capture students from grades 9 to 12. We have continued our non-credit 9-12 category. The categories in Division B – Visual and Media have not been changed.

We are encouraging students with the support of an OSSTF/FEESO Member who has worked directly with them, to submit an original piece of writing, visual art or media based on this year’s theme, **This Hits Different – The Power of Language**. Please ensure that students have fully completed the entry form and have had a supporting staff Member letter attached prior to sending it to provincial office. **We will disqualify entries without a supporting staff Member signature and letter.**

Schools must submit their winning entries to local district offices no later than **November 15, 2023**. Remember that student work must first go to your local district office, not directly to provincial office. District offices will then submit their winning pieces to the provincial office by December 8, 2023. **Finally, provincial winners will be acknowledged and celebrated at our OSSTF/FEESO Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly (AMPA) in March 2024.**

NEW this year: Original artwork must be submitted for Division B – Visual and Media; we will not accept photos of artwork and media.

Guidelines, entry forms and helpful tips for students and supporting staff Members for the Student Achievement Awards are available online at [Student Achievement Awards \(osstf.on.ca\)](https://osstf.on.ca).

For more information, please contact Tracey Marshall, at (416) 751-8300 or 1 (800) 267-7867, or by email at student.achievement.awards@osstf.ca.

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