

Mensa Canada Distinguished Educator Award

Overview

The Mensa Canada Distinguished Educator Award recognizes a teacher, professor, instructor, teaching assistant or other educator at any educational level who has had an especially positive influence on the education or life of a Mensa member. The educator can impact the Mensa member directly or as a result of their influence on the education of a dependent. The Mensa member may submit the nomination themselves or on behalf of a dependent. A joint submission by the Member and the dependant is encouraged if a dependent's educator is being recognized.

Nominations will be accepted only from members in good standing of Mensa Canada. Each nominated educator must agree in writing to the nomination. Complete entries include the nomination form, the signed educator agreement form and an essay of not more than 500 words written by the Mensa member [or jointly with their dependant] describing the impact that the educator had on his or her life.

Entries must be submitted to Mensa Canada not later than April 1. Essays will be judged by a committee of three to five Mensa members. Nominations received that do not conform to the rules of the competition will be rejected. The winning educator and their nominator are invited to the Mensa Canada President's brunch at the Annual Gathering. If the educator does not attend, arrangements will be made to present the award at another time and place. Both the educator and the school or other educational institution receive a plaque.

Nominations may be submitted to the National Office or to atlantic-rep@mensacanada.org.

Rules of the Competition

1. The educator must be living as of the date that the nomination is submitted.
2. The student's experience with the educator must have been in a school, college, university, or other instructional institution, public, private, vocational or professional, military, etc.
3. A completed nomination form, a signed educator agreement form and an essay must all be submitted before the entry will be considered complete.
4. The essay must be typed, no longer than 500 words, and attached to the nomination form along with the educator agreement form. Nominations which are incomplete or which do not conform to the requirements of the competition will not be considered.
5. The essay should describe: (a) the educator's instructional and/or motivational techniques, behaviour, manner, remarks, etc., with sufficient clarity and objectivity that they might inspire and be emulated by other educators, and (b) specifically how the student's educational experience or life was affected profoundly, significantly, and/or lastingly.
6. A Mensa Canada member in good standing must submit the nomination. The nomination may be submitted on behalf of a dependent who is not a Mensa member. A joint submission by the Member and the dependant is preferred if a dependent's educator is being nominated.
7. The educator must agree to being considered for the award. A signed statement of agreement from the educator must be submitted.
8. All educators and nominators agree that all publication rights to the essay, whether or not it wins, are the property of Mensa Canada.
9. The Board of Directors of Mensa Canada may set the deadline for submissions each year and shall appoint a selection committee. Normally the deadline will be April 1 and the selection consist will normally consist of three to five Mensa Canada members.

The Award

1. The educator cited in the winning essay will receive a plaque.
2. The educator's school or other educational institution will receive a duplicate of the educator's plaque.
3. Both the educator and their nominator are invited to the Mensa Canada President's Brunch at the Annual Gathering. Either/both will receive complimentary entry to the Brunch, but not expenses to attend the event. Attendance is not required. If the educator does not attend, arrangements will be made to present the award at another time and place.

Essay Guidelines

1. Essays should be typed on plain white paper, double-spaced, with 2.5 cm margins.
2. Spelling, grammar, style of writing and lay out will be considered.
3. Essays longer than 500 words will not be considered. There is no minimum length, but the requirements of the competition must be met.
4. Essays may be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to the destination specified by Mensa Canada.
5. Specifics are encouraged as generalizations will not normally be considered to prove the merits of the nominee.

Educator Agreement Form
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I agree to have my name entered into the competition for the Mensa Canada Distinguished Educator Award. I understand that selected essays, winners or not, may be published by mensa Canada. I also understand that my real name may be mentioned in a published essay.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Street address: _____

City/Province/Postal Code: _____

Telephone/E-mail: _____

Nomination Form
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Name of Nominator: _____ Mensa Canada Membership #: _____

Street address: _____

City/Province/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Educator: _____

Street address: _____

City/Province/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of School/Educational Institution: _____

Street address: _____

City/Province/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Principal's (or other title) name: _____

Type of School/Educational Institution:

- Elementary Secondary School College/University Other

If other, please describe _____

The educator must agree to being considered for the award. A signed statement of agreement from the educator must be submitted. By submitting this nomination form you agree that all publication rights to your essay, whether or not it wins, are the property of Mensa Canada.

Title of Essay: _____

Put only this title at the top of your essay; not your name or any other identification.

Your signature: _____

Date: _____