



**Canadian Student
Leadership Association**

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Leader of Distinction Awards

Each year, CSLA recognizes its “Leaders of Distinction” from schools across Canada. A Leader of Distinction is an advisor (education professional) who has consistently demonstrated excellence in leadership and an extraordinary commitment to the development of student leadership in Canada.

Nominations for Leaders of Distinction are reviewed and approved, in consultation with provincial representatives on its National Advisory Council, by the CSLA Board of Directors. Award winners are announced annually at the Canadian Student Leadership Conference.

Leaders of Distinction are awarded by province and territory. Up to two* individuals from each province or territory may be designated a Leader of Distinction award each year.

** Two awards will be granted as is deemed merited. Circumstances in which two awards are granted include: when two people have acted as co-chairs for a major leadership event, have worked together in partnership on a number of leadership projects, and/or if the legacy of leadership at a school or school district can be equally attributed to the efforts of both individuals.*

Section One: Eligibility

A candidate must be an active or past member of CSLA, and/or an active or past member of one of the following provincial associations:

- British Columbia Association of Student Activity Advisors (BCASAA)
- Alberta Association of Student’s Councils and Advisors (AASCA)
- Saskatchewan Association of Student Council Advisors (SASCA)
- Manitoba Student Leadership Association (MSLA)
- Quebec Student Leadership Association (QSLA)
- New Brunswick Student Leadership Association (NBSLA)
- Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Student Activity Advisors (NLASAA)

Section Two: Award Criteria

Nominated candidates are leaders who:

- Show an extraordinary commitment to student leadership;
- Have enhanced their school's or school district's climate and culture;
- Demonstrate excellence in leadership and service to students, colleagues, institutions, and the profession;
- Go above and beyond showing by demonstrating innovation and imagination in their role as teachers, coaches, and mentors;
- Are committed to professional growth.

Section Three: Nomination Procedures

CSLA's provincial representatives are responsible for Leader of Distinction nominations. To ensure a fair and open nomination process, the following people and groups are also invited to submit nominations for consideration by CSLA's provincial representatives:

- Individuals
- Informal groups of faculty or students, or both
- Local Faculty Associations
- Local Student Councils
- Departments
- Alumni

Nomination Procedures

The submission should include:

- A completed Leader of Distinction nomination form (next page);
- A letter of endorsement from the school board, principal, or colleague, which highlights the nominees' special qualifications for this award

Section Four: Entry Instructions

Completed nominations should be emailed in a single PDF the corresponding CSLA provincial representative:

British Columbia: Lenora Poulin (lenora.poulin@sd78.bc.ca)

Alberta: Heather McCaig (heather.mccaig@sd76.ab.ca)

Saskatchewan: Heidi Marchant (heidi.marchant@sunwestsd.ca)

Manitoba: Alan North (anorth@wsd1.org)

Ontario: Jenn Lemieux (jlemieux@studentleadership.ca)

Quebec: Isabelle Alarie (ialarie@lbpearson.ca)

New Brunswick: Melissa Wright (melissa.wright@nbed.nb.ca)

Prince Edward Island: Dia-Lynn Keough (dlkeough@edu.pe.ca)

Nova Scotia: Greg Albers (galbers@hrsb.ca)

Newfoundland and Labrador: John Dennison (johndennison@nlesd.ca)

Nunavut: Tina Morrissey (tinammorrissey@gmail.com)

Nominations for the Yukon and Northwest Territories should be emailed to Denise Emond-Gendron, CSLA Executive Director:
denise@studentleadership.ca.

Completed nominations must be received by June 30th.



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Leader of Distinction Nomination Form

Details of the Person Being Nominated:

Nominee's Name: _____

Current School/Position: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Details of the Person Making Nomination:

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to the Nominee: _____



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Leader of Distinction Nomination Form

Statement of Nomination (300 words maximum)

Please explain why this candidate is being nominated for a “Leader of Distinction” award.

List of nominees' achievements, and/or notable work in the development of student leadership: