# 2024/2025 Ophea Award of Distinction

- Nomination Package -

**About**

* The *Ophea Award of Distinction* is presented to an individual who is a **leader in the meaningful advancement of inclusive healthy, active living opportunities for children and youth** in Ontario school communities.
* This awardis in honour of Bing Caswell, a dedicated professional whose thought leadership and commitment led to the advancement of knowledge and understanding in the field of health and physical education.
* Past recipients of this award have demonstrated leadership and have dedicated their efforts to enhancing health and physical education in their communities. In acknowledging their work, Ophea honors these successes and reinforces its efforts to promote a world in which all children and young people live healthy, active lives.
* This award will be presented at the [2025 PHE National Conference](https://phecanada.ca/events/2025-phe-national-conference) in Niagara Falls from May 1-3, 2025. Ophea will cover travel, registration and accommodation costs for the award winner. In addition to being honored at the PHE National Conference, the award winner will be featured through Ophea’s website and communication channels.
* For more information on past award winners and their accomplishments, visit: <https://ophea.net/about-us/recognition-and-awards>

**Nomination Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

* The nominee’s impact is **regional** and/or **provincial** in scope.
* The nominee has **demonstrated excellence** in the areas of advocacy, partnership development and/or the provision of quality, innovative, inclusive programming.
* The nominee has made a **long-term contribution** to improving the health and well- being of Ontario’s children and youth.
* The nominee is **well known to Ophea** for their **contributions and years of**service in support of student well-being.
* The nominee’s work/volunteer contributions **impact schools and/or communities**(e.g. educators, public health workers, recreation providers, etc.).

**Nomination Process**

* To officially submit a nomination for this award, a Nomination Form (below) must be completed and submitted by email to recognition@ophea.org with the email subject: ‘Ophea Award Nomination’ **by 4:00pm ET on Friday, March 21, 2025.**
* An award winner will be selected by the Ophea Board of Directors and all nominees will be informed of this decision in April 2025.
* Award recognition activities will occur in May/June 2025.

## Nomination Guidelines

* Nominees can be nominated for a maximum of one award annually.
* Nominees who are not selected for an award can be nominated in subsequent years.
* Individuals can only win each Ophea award once.
* An individual can only be nominated for this award (no groups or organizations are eligible).
* Nomination form (specifically questions 4-6) are assessed by the Ophea Board of Directors to select a winner and will be kept confidential.
* Nominees must be aware of their nomination and award winners will be contacted by Ophea prior to being profiled through any of Ophea’s communication channels.

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**Instructions**

* In a Word document, please complete this nomination form in full and submit by email to recognition@ophea.org with the email subject: ‘Ophea Award Nomination’.
* For questions with a word count (questions 4-6), only the first 500 words will be provided for review by the selection committee.
* Nomination packages will be accepted until 4:00pm ET on Friday, March 21, 2025.

## 1. Nominator’s Information

* Nominator’s Full Name: [Insert]
* Organization Name: [Insert]
* Address: [Insert]
* Phone Number: [Insert]
* Email: [Insert]

## 2. Nominee’s Information

* Nominee’s Full Name: [Insert]
* Organization Name: [Insert]
* Address: [Insert]
* Phone Number: [Insert]
* Email: [Insert]

**3. Sector**

In what sector(s) has the nominee worked? Select all that apply.

[ ]  Education

[ ]  Post Secondary

[ ]  Public Health

[ ]  Recreation

[ ]  Private Sector

[ ]  Government

[ ]  Non-profit/Association

[ ]  Other (please specify): [Insert]

**4. Employment/Volunteer History (500 word maximum)**

* Outline the **employment/volunteer history** of the nominee, including position, organization, years of service and linkages to health promotion and/or inclusive health and physical education for children and youth.

[Insert Response]

**5. Leadership in Inclusive Healthy, Active Living for Children and Youth**

* Describe how the nominee has been a **leader** in the meaningful **advancement of inclusive healthy, active living opportunities** for children and youth in **Ontario** schools communities. This may include contributions in the areas of advocacy, partnership development and /or the provision of quality, innovative, inclusive programming.

[Insert Response]

**6. Long-Term Contribution**

* Describe how the nominee has made a **sustained and measurable impact** thatcontribution to **long-term change and improved** the health and well-being of Ontario’s children and youth, including any years of service or support to Ophea. Use specific, measurable outcomes in your answer (e.g., new programs/services offered, number of students reached, policies changed).

[Insert Response]

**Before submitting, please ensure the following:**

* All required fields have been completed.
* The nomination package does not exceed 500 words for questions 4-6.
* The nomination form has been submitted by email to Ophea in a Word document.