# 2024/2025 Ophea Award for Outstanding Contribution

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**About**

* The *Award for Outstanding Contribution* recognizes an individual, group or organization for their exemplary contribution to the lives of children and youth in the areas of inclusive health and physical education, health and physical activity promotion, advocacy and/or community development.
* This awardis in honour of Bill Paterson, a dedicated and generous individual who worked tirelessly to improve kids’ health. Throughout Ophea’s early years, Bill was dedicated to supporting the organization and spent many years working as a volunteer for Ophea.
* 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(s). In addition to being honored at the PHE National Conference, the award winner(s) 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 **works with children and youth.**
* The nominee’s work is **local, provincial or national in scope.**
* The nominee has **positively impacted the physical activity levels, health and/or educational experiences of children and youth**.
* The nominee has **developed an inclusive and innovative approach** to teaching strategies, curriculum implementation, program/resource development, policy development and/or health promotion.
* The nominee represents a sector whose **work positively contributes to the health and wellness of children and youth** (e.g., teachers, administrators, public health professionals, school board consultants, parent councils, etc.).

Note:  
It is not necessary for the recipient to have worked directly with Ophea.

**Nomination Process**

* To officially submit a nomination for this award, a Nomination Form (below) must be completed and submitted by email t[o recognition@ophea.org](mailto: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.
* An individual, group or organization can be nominated for this award but can only win this award once.
* Nomination form (specifically questions 4-6) are assessed by the Ophea Board of Directors to select a winner and will be kept confidential.
* Most years, only one Award for Outstanding Contribution is awarded. However, if a second individual, group or organization is worthy, up to two may be awarded.
* 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 t[o recognition@ophea.org](mailto: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 (in point form), including linkages to health promotion and/or inclusive health and physical education for children and youth.  
  Note: For organization or group nominees, include the history of the organization or group.

[Insert Response]

**5. Contribution to Children and Youth (500 word maximum)**

* Describe how the nominated individual, group or organization has made an **exemplary contribution** to the lives of children and youth in the areas of inclusive health and physical education, health and physical activity promotion, advocacy and/or community development. Include examples of how the nominee works directly with children and youth.

[Insert Response]

**6. Impact on Health and/or Educational Experiences of Children and Youth (500 word maximum)**

* Describe how the nominee has positively impacted the physical activity levels, health and/or educational experiences of children and youth (they must have demonstrated results which prove their efforts). Include examples of how the nominee has developed an inclusive and innovative approach to teaching strategies, curriculum implementation, program/resource development, policy development and/or health promotion. 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.