

**Nelson Excellence in Leadership (NEL) Award

Nomination Package**

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**A Program to Recognize Excellence among school system leaders**

**Jointly sponsored by
Nelson Canada and the
Canadian Association of School System Administrators**

The Nelson Excellence in Leadership (**NEL**) Award Program is based on three premises:

* + - It is important to acknowledge the dedication and enthusiasm of administrators who guide children’s educational experiences. Recognition is a powerful instrument for building pride in accomplishment and continued determination to pursue excellence.
		- System leaders who establish the character of a particular school system’s programs through the important work with school boards, school leaders, teachers and caring parents help to determine the scope and quality of children’s educational experiences
		- Children’s attitudes toward learning and their perceptions of themselves as lifelong learners are established in their school years. Effective leadership, mentoring and modeling determine whether the school jurisdiction effectively creates this environment.

Members of the *Canadian Association of School System Administrators* (CASSA) are eligible for nomination and consideration for CASSA’s NEL Awards.

Each provincial/territorial affiliate of CASSA (BCSSA, NWTSA, MASS, OCSOA, etc.) chooses no more than one NEL Award nomination, from amongst all nominations received, who will be honoured as a Provincial/Territorial NEL Award winner at CASSA’s Annual Conference.

CASSA’s National NEL Award winner will be selected from amongst the provincial/territorial award winners and announced at CASSA’s Annual Conference.

**To make a nomination, please read carefully and complete the attached forms, and submit them to the Executive Director of your nominee’s provincial/territorial superintendents/directors association, or directly to the Executive Director of CASSA if your province/territory does not have an affiliate association.**

**The deadline for nominations to CASSA is May 16 each year, or earlier as may be determined by the provincial/territorial affiliate.**

# NEL AWARD NOMINATION FORM

## NAME OF NOMINEE:

CURRENT ADDRESS:

PRESENT POSITION:

## List leadership positions in educational administration. (Maximum of 3)

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## List significant accomplishments of nominee. (Maximum of 3)

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## Indicate honours that nominee has received (local, provincial/territorrial, national). (Maximum of 3)

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## What has nominee done to advance educational administration or education in the province/territory or in the board served? (Cite a maximum of 3 specifics)

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## What contribution(s) has the nominee made to education or educational administration that has had a national impact?

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## List any published writing or presentations (workshops, seminars, conventions) provincially/territorially or nationally.

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## Indicate offices held in provincial/territorial education organization. (Maximum of 3)

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## Indicate offices held in national education organizations. (Maximum of 3)

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## Indicate other professional or personal responsibilities of significance that were assumed by nominee. (Maximum of 3)

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## Some persons may be nominated with qualifications for which this instrument is inappropriate or insufficient to give a full sense of the nominee’s contributions to education. As a result, please attach a statement of no more than two pages which cite the person’s achievements that justify nomination for the NEL Award.

## **The nominee has been a member of CASSA for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.**

## **Give dates of membership, if known: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

## **Headshot photo included (check box)**

## **NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY (name and organization):**

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**NOMINEE ATTESTATION FORM**

***TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE’S EMPLOYER AND/OR PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL AFFILIATE ASSOCIATION***

The purpose of this form is for the system administrator’s employer and/or provincial/territorial affiliate association to know that their employee/representative has been nominated for the CASSA’s NEL Awards. It also highlights that the employer and/or provincial/territorial affiliate association understands the following obligations and responsibilities inherent in this nomination:

* The provincial/territorial affiliate of CASSA is responsible for receiving and choosing the provincial/territorial winner of the NEL Award from amongst any and all nominations submitted to them.
* Each affiliate’s chosen provincial/territorial NEL Award recipient will be expected to travel to and from the CASSA Annual Conference to participate in the national recognition ceremony.

* The nominee’s employer and/or the provincial/territorial affiliate association will assume costs for travel, lodging, meals, and the conference registration fee.
* The provincial/territorial recipients will be honoured at CASSA’s Annual Conference, at which time the National NEL Award winner will be announced from amongst those provincial/territorial recipients.
* CASSA will reimburse the nominee, employer, or provincial/territorial affiliate association for the National NEL Award recipient’s CASSA conference registration fee and transportation.
* The NEL National Award recipient will receive a life membership in CASSA.
* The National NEL Award recipient is considered to be Canada’s School Superintendent of the Year and is expected to attend the next American Association of School Administrators (AASA) national conference in that capacity. The cost of travel, lodging, meals, and the AASA conference registration fee will be reimbursed in full by CASSA.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT & ENDORSEMENT OF NOMINATION**

This is to certify that I acknowledge and endorse the nomination of:

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| Employer or Provincial/Territorial Affiliate Association |     | Name and Title of Individual Completing Form      |
| Signature  |   | Date |
| School Division/Organization    |   |   |
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**NOMINEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

***TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINEE***

I permit a headshot photo to be submitted with this nomination package:  YES \_\_\_  NO \_\_\_

I acknowledge that should my provincial/territorial affiliate choose me as their NEL Award winner, I will attend the awards ceremony at CASSA’s Annual Conference.   YES \_\_\_

I acknowledge that if I am selected as the National NEL Award recipient, a press release will be issued by CASSA, and I will attend the next AASA Annual Conference.  YES \_\_\_

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Signature of Nominee Date

# GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING

# RECIPIENTS OF THE NEL AWARD

1. The NEL Award is intended to recognize any present CASSA member who has demonstrated outstanding ability and leadership.
2. The CASSA Executive Director shall provide notice soliciting nominations to the CASSA Board of Directors, and Presidents of CASSA’s provincial and territorial affiliates. The notice will include this nomination package and guidelines.
3. The CASSA Executive Director will receive nominations for the CASSA/XEROX NEL Award between October 1 and May 16 for awards to be presented at the Annual Conference in July each year. Nominations received after May 16th will be considered only by consent of the Executive Council.
4. All nominations shall be made on a form provided by CASSA. No more than an additional two pages of supporting data may be submitted with the nomination.
5. Nominations shall be collected through the provincial/territorial affiliates for consideration in determining the provincial/territorial award recipient, who would then serve as the affiliate’s nominee for the National NEL Award. Nominations of CASSA members in provinces or territories in which there is no affiliate association may be submitted directly to the CASSA Executive Director. No more than one nominee may be submitted from any province or territory to be considered for the National NEL Award. In the event that no provincial/territorial affiliate association exists and multiple nominations from a province/territory are received, the CASSA NEL Award Selection Panel will designate a provincial/territorial winner. All nominations for the National NEL Award must be received by the deadline.
6. A CASSA/XEROX selection panel will consider all nominations for the National NEL Award that are received, by May 16th, at the CASSA office.
	* The NEL Award Selection Panel will consist of a minimum of the CASSA Executive Director, the CASSA President, the Executive Director of a provincial/territorial affiliate association in which the annual conference is to be hosted, and 1 or 2 representatives from Xerox Canada Ltd.
	* In the event of a potential conflict of interest (i.e., a member of the Award Selection Panel being from the same provincial/territorial affiliate as one of the nominees), the Executive Director from the affiliate that hosted the conference the previous year, the Past President, the President Elect, or other members of the CASSA Executive may be asked to fill any vacancy(s) on the selection panel.
7. The selection panel will consider the suitability of candidates for the NEL Awards based on responses to the items contained in the Nomination Forms and in the one or two pages of additional information provided with the nominations.