

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS of TORONTO
Black Rhodium Awards

ETT Anti-Racism, Equity and Social Justice Committee
First Annual Black Rhodium Awards

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ETT 's Anti-racism, Equity and Social Justice Committee [ARESJ] strives continuously to fulfill our mission of honouring, supporting, and celebrating excellence in teaching equity. It is our goal to promote a positive image of teaching and to ensure that equity in education is an integral part of our profession. This award recognizes individuals who have contributed much in the area of equity and social justice by:

- Educating members about cultural, racial, ethnic and religious diversity within the education community
- Promoting teaching as a career for under-represented groups in society
- Promoting strategies with students and staff to ensure that school-based activities are inclusive
- Encouraging the development of bias-free curriculum materials

The Black Rhodium Awards, so named for the metal's rarity and value akin to our dedicated Black members, looks to honour teachers who have made a significant difference in the lives of students, educators, schools, and communities. We hope that you will assist us in celebrating teaching excellence by either **self-nominating or nominating another ETT educator** who, in your opinion, deserves to be recognized for their work in upholding equity and social justice in their communities. The winners of this year's awards will receive a \$100.00 cash prize as well as have their photo and video presented at the award ceremony. **The ARESJ's Black Rhodium Awards will be presented at the ETT Annual Awards on June 26.**

AWARD CATEGORIES BREAKDOWN

- Motivating and Uplifting - 2 recipients - For ETT Members who demonstrate leadership and engagement in creating and fostering positive school climates in schools
- Powerful Leader - 3 recipients - For ETT Members who demonstrate leadership in their schools

ETT's ARESJ Committee's Black Rhodium Awards recognizes a Black educator who has made outstanding contributions and excelled in teaching, unionship and community. Such educators would have demonstrated many of the following criteria over time, but not limited to:*

- Involvement in school initiatives
- Involvement in community initiatives
- Bringing positive awareness of anti-racism issues to others
- Affecting lives of students, teachers and community in a positive way
- Initiating club(s), workshop(s) and/or community involvement with an equity focus
- Positive leadership and role-modeling for others
- Having a positive attitude towards diversity that brings about harmony
- Working collaboratively and inspiring others on equity & social justice projects

*The above-named qualities are only intended as suggestions for consideration when nominating an individual for this award. In no way should it be seen as a finite list.

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Nominations must be received at the ETT office either by fax, email or through the Board mail by **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2024**. Nominations arriving after the said date and time may not be accepted.

Please send your nominations to:

Nigel Bariffe, ETT Vice President and Julius, ETT Executive

Anti-Racism, Equity and Social Justice Committee

4211 Yonge Street, Suite 300, Route NE14

Fax: 416.393.9929

To send electronic submissions:

roiluisin@gmail.com and

kevin.watson@ettmember.ca

NOMINATOR FORM

(Please read the accompanying information rationale, eligibility, application and selection process before completing this application form.)

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Name of Nominator: _____ Name of Nominee: _____

Nominator's School: _____ Nominee's School: _____

Award category you are applying for:

- Motivating and Uplifting - 2 recipients - For ETT Members who demonstrate leadership and engagement in creating and fostering positive school climates in schools
- Powerful Leader - 3 recipients - For ETT Members who demonstrate leadership in their schools or communities.

Nominee's personal attributes as a socially responsible role model and a positive leader:

Additional comments from staff and/or community organizations (Additional page may be added if needed):

Nominator's Signature _____ Date: _____

CRITERIA

The Black Rhodium Award may be granted to an active ETT member in good standing, who is active in their school and/or community in building, motivating or uplifting excellence.

PROCEDURES

1. Please ensure that the attached documents are completed, submitted by fax or via board mail, and received at the ETT office no later than **4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2024.**

Address nominations to:

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4211 Yonge Street, Suite 300, Route NE14 or via fax to: (416) 393-9929.

Or via email @: roiluisin@gmail.com and kevin.watson@ettmember.ca

2. The application must be type-written or printed in black ink.
3. The ARESJ - Black Educators Under 40 Subcommittee will process the applications.
4. Please note that materials submitted for this Award become the property of the ARESJ Committee and will not be returned.

NOMINEE INFORMATION (Please Print)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cellphone: _____

Non-TDSB Email: _____

School Name: _____ Postal Code: _____

Nominee's total number of years in teaching: ____ Current Teaching Position: _____

Age: _____

NOMINEE APPLICATION

INITIATIVES WITHIN THE SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY (begin with the most recent)

YEAR	TYPE OF INITIATIVE	SCHOOL/COMMUNITY

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