



THE ROBERT HILLMER AWARD

The Robert Hillmer Award is presented annually to an outstanding Business Educator. Mr. and Mrs. George Hillmer originally donated funds for this award to the Ontario Business Educators' Association in memory of their late son, Robert. OBEA is proud to continue the tradition of this award for over 50 years. This is the highest honour awarded by OBEA and it represents a career-long contribution to education focusing on professional leadership in the school, the Board, the community, and the province. Nomination forms are sent to the Directors of Education of every Board, and, as well, they are available on the OBEA website. Any member of OBEA can nominate a worthy candidate for this prestigious award.

SUGGESTED CRITERIA:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUSINESS EDUCATION and TEACHER TRAINING IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION

- Has served on curriculum writing teams for the local board or the Ministry of Education
- Has served on regional business education committees or local board committees
- Has organized and presented business education workshops at the board and/or provincial level
- Has written or worked in an advisory capacity on business education resources including texts, workbooks and manuals
- Inspires and mentors new educators

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP IN THE SCHOOL, THE COMMUNITY AND THE PROVINCE

- Has developed and introduced new business courses in the school
- Has increased student enrolments in business courses in the school
- Has developed partnerships with community organizations
- Has been a contributing member of committees at the school and board level
- Has served on committees of provincial organizations
- Is a role model for others in the profession

LEADERSHIP IN OBEA

- Is an OBEA member
- Has supported OBEA throughout his/her career
- Has been involved in OBEA through participation at any level

- Has given workshops for OBEA
- Encourages business teachers to join OBEA and students to participate in the annual OBEA provincial contests

IMPROVEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Has taken courses beyond the minimum teaching certificates, for example, Specialist Qualification(s), Masters of Education, Principals Qualification and/or Leadership Development
- Demonstrates life-long learning

EXTRA-CURRICULAR STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP, OTHER THAN THOSE RELATED TO BUSINESS AND EDUCATION

- Has been active in extra-curricular activities with students and with school committees
- Has been active in community organizations not directly related to education

PRESENTATION

- The award will be presented to the recipient at an upcoming OBEA Conference

Please forward the name of the person you wish to nominate along with documentation outlining how the nominee fits some of the criteria outlined above.

Deadline for application is April 4th, 2025

Email nomination to: Bill Velos at president.obea@gmail.com