

# 2021 Dick Hopkins Award of Excellence in Technological Education

## Nominations are due: June 11, 2021

In a technological world, there is nothing more important than ensuring the next generation is well prepared to survive, and thrive into the future. This requires dedicated, enthusiastic and motivated technology teachers. It requires teachers who care, teachers who can inspire students, and excel in teaching technology.

Dick Hopkins exemplified such a teacher. Dick Hopkins, a technology educator at Napanee and Sydenham high schools and Queen's University Faculty of Education, exemplified the energy and enthusiasm of a great technology educator who inspired a generation of teachers and students.

A hard working technology educator, Dick continually asked his students to push the envelope to do great things. Dick was a champion of the community-based project, like the motorized bed for bedridden patients at the local hospital. Dick was also a champion of skills competitions, encouraging his students to challenge themselves, to showcase their talents to the community, and to the world. He vigorously promoted the skilled trades as career choices for his students. At Queen's University, Dick was an admired master teacher, inspiring a generation of new technology teachers who are now working all over the province.



Dick passed away suddenly in October 2002. In honour and remembrance of our friend and colleague, the **Ontario Council for Technology Education (OCTE)** and **Skills Ontario** have initiated an annual award of excellence for an outstanding technological educator in Dick's name. This award is presented annually at the Skills Ontario Provincial Competition, in recognition of Dick's active participation and promotion of skills competitions and events. This year, 2021, due to the ongoing pandemic, the award will be presented at the OCTE AGM.

This award will recognize excellence in technological education and will inspire others to do great things.

**If you know a great technology educator from Grades 1 to 12, please send in your nomination. Recognizing the achievements of your colleagues is inspiring and very rewarding.**

### Congratulations to our past award winners:

2020 - Mario Blouin – Conseil Scolaire Catholique de District Des Grandes Rivieres  
 2019 – Bill Fetter – Greater Essex County District School Board  
 2018 – Jacob Smith – Port Perry High School  
 2017 – Aldo Cianfrini – Ministry of Education, Education Officer, Student Success Policy Branch  
 2016 – Kevin Shea – Ontario Council for Technology Education  
 2015 – Glenn Ellis – Ottawa Carleton District School Board  
 2014 – David Lewis – Halton District School Board  
 2013 – Paul McDonough, All Saints Catholic High School, Kanata, ON OCSB  
 2012 – Slawmir Dobrowolski – St. John's College, Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk Catho District School Board  
 2011 – Ray Morrison - Bluewater District School Board & Cheryl Lovell – Greater Essex County District School Board  
 2010 – Randy Dyck – Waterloo Region District School Board & Dario Rossit – Grea Essex County District School Board  
 2009 – David Graves – Halton District School Board & Bud Halpin – Saugeen Distric Secondary School  
 2008 – Sergio Borghesi – Niagara Catholic District School Board  
 2007 – Robert Darling – Brantford Collegiate Institutes  
 2006 – Dan Krotsch  
 2005 – Bob Chambers  
 2004 – Kevin Graham  
 2003 – Mike Sewell

We encourage individuals and/or organizations to nominate educators for the Dick Hopkins Award of Excellence in Technological Education based on the following criteria:

1. Candidate must be an Ontario technological educator (Science & Technology grades 1-8, and/or Technological Education grades 9-12) or administrator involved in technological education. Nominations of qualified retired individuals are acceptable.
2. Candidate should demonstrate an exemplary educational program incorporating, but not limited to, community based projects, promotion of skills competitions and events; and the promotion of the skilled trades and technical occupations, whether locally, regionally, provincially or nationally.
3. Candidate should be an educator that is a member of OCTE and/or involved with Skills Canada – Ontario, as well as displaying enthusiasm for the profession of technological education and promotes quality teaching and learning, and who has inspired students and/or colleagues to go beyond the ordinary.

Please complete the nomination form below and send in the required information.

## 2021 Dick Hopkins Award of Excellence in Technological Education NOMINATION FORM

### **Nominator Information (Please print):**

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nominee Information (Please print):**

Person Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
School/ Organization \_\_\_\_\_ School Board \_\_\_\_\_  
Area of Specialty (grade taught and subject area) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **RATIONALIZATION / NOMINEE CONTRIBUTION**

- On a separate piece of paper, in a 250 word essay, briefly outline this individual's contribution to technological education in Ontario, giving reasons why they should receive the award. Be sure to include specific stories, events planned, initiatives and activities the nominee inspired or was involved in.
- Please include **3 letters of reference** for the nominee. Letters of reference must accompany the nomination form.
- Nominations that are incomplete will not be considered.

**All nominations must be received by June 11, 2021.**

A committee of judges will be selected to review the nominations and decide on a winner. The decision of judges will be final. The winner will be notified prior to the OCTE AGM and will be invited to attend the awards presentation.

All submissions must be sent to the attention of:

Annual Dick Hopkins Award of Excellence  
c/o Skills Canada - Ontario

Email: [gloro@skillsontario.com](mailto:gloro@skillsontario.com)