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7.1 Awards for Students

Schools and District Education Councils/District Education Authorities (DEAs/DECs) are encouraged to celebrate student achievement. Schools may have their local or regional awards established for this purpose. The following awards are sponsored or administered by the Department of Education.

7.1.1 Award of Excellence

An Award of Excellence will be automatically noted on the Graduation Diploma of a student who earns a final, weighted average of 80% or higher in their best 20 credits of Grade 12 courses, (each course worth at least 2 credits) with not less than 65% in any one of them. (Two Grade 12, 3-credit courses may be substituted for a 5-credit course).

7.1.2 Minister's Medals (Northwest Territories)

Minister's Medals are awarded for academic achievement in Grade 12 Diploma Examinations. For each Diploma examination subject, a Medal will be awarded to the student who receives the highest Diploma examination mark among all NWT students in that school year for each subject with a minimum mark of 80%. The Minister's Medals are mailed directly to the recipients after Student Records receives the final marks from the August Diploma examination writing period. For more information contact the Student Records Officer at (867) 767-9353 ext. 71271.

7.1.3 Governor General's Medals

The Bronze Governor General's Medal is awarded annually to the graduate who achieves the highest overall average standing in each NWT Senior Secondary School.

To be eligible a student must be enrolled in a school that offers grade 12 and follows NWT approved curriculum as authorized by the Minister of Education. Canadian citizenship is not a prerequisite for nomination of the medal.



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To determine the eligibility of the student the following criteria must be used:

- **The average is calculated based on the grade 11 and 12 program.** Averages must be weighted according to the number of credits awarded, i.e. # of credits x mark, therefore a 1 credit CTS module gives $1 \times 96\% = 96$, a five credit English course gives $5 \times 60\% = 300$. Take the total number of points and divide by the total number of credits to attain the weighted average.
- The average is calculated to two decimal places, based on the whole secondary program, up to and including the final year of secondary education.
- The highest average cannot be anticipated: it must be calculated based on final results, after diploma examinations including the August Session.
- No differentiation is made between general and advanced levels of courses.
- Courses taken after graduation to upgrade marks are not to be included.
- Students cannot jointly be awarded one medal.

In case of a tie, the institute must provide the Chancellery with written proof of the tie.

It is the responsibility of the school to

- determine a clear winner every year based on these directives.
- ensure that medals are presented to recipients at a suitable ceremony. Medals should be presented on behalf, and in the name of, the Governor General. They are not to be associated with any monetary award.
- provide the names of winners to the Chancellery immediately after presentation. The form enclosed with the medal that is to be sent to the Chancellery by mail or fax at (613) 991-1681. If the recipient's name is not submitted to the Chancellery, there is no official record to identify the recipient and any future requests for confirmation of the award or replacement of the medal cannot be granted.

In the event of a non-award at a particular school in a given year, the medal is to be returned to the Chancellery with an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the non-award. The contact information for the Chancellery is:

The Chancellery of Honours

Office of the Secretary to the Governor General
1 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A1
PHONE: 1 800 465-6890, FAX: (613) 949-4197
E-mail : info@gg.ca



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If you have any questions regarding the Governor General's Award, contact:

Chairperson, Senior Secondary Committee

Department of Education, Culture and Employment
Box 1320, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2L9
Phone: (867) 767-9342
Email: Senior_Secondary@gov.nt.ca

7.1.4 Lester B. Pearson Scholarship

Pearson College is one of 13 United World Colleges (UWC) schools and colleges worldwide. Their stated mission is to make "education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future." Details about Pearson College and UWC are available at <http://www.pearsoncollege.ca/>.

Pearson College offers a two-year pre-university International Baccalaureate (IB) program. Information on the full IB academic curriculum is available at http://www.pearsoncollege.ca/uploads/files/IB-Curriculum_2nd.pdf

Students attend on a full scholarship that includes tuition, room and board, worth approximately \$80,000 over two years. Every year, one student in the Northwest Territories is eligible to receive a Lester B. Pearson College two-year scholarship. Applications are made directly to the College, which forwards selected applicants to the NWT committee. The committee reviews applications and conducts telephone interviews with each candidate.

Applicants are usually 16 or 17 years old and in grade 11 during the year in which they apply. Application information is available at:

<http://www.pearsoncollege.ca/p/?pgn=Apply&subpgn=ApplyAsCanadian&pn=ApplyAsCanadian>



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7.2 Awards for Teachers

7.2.1 GNWT Education Hall of Fame

The Education Hall of Fame was established to provide recognition and appreciation towards those who have provided exemplary service in or assistance to the field of education. This includes anyone who supports education, from teachers to coaches, custodians, volunteers, community businesses and sponsors.

Annually, seven individuals or groups from each region will be inducted into the Education Hall of Fame, including one from each region and one Minister's Choice inductee.

Nominations are accepted from any resident of the Northwest Territories beginning in the spring of each year. Electronic nomination forms are available at www.ece.gov.nt.ca, at regional ECE Service Centres, and Divisional Education Council offices.

Nomination criteria:

Must be a current resident of the Northwest Territories, or must have been a resident for more than 15 years, if currently residing outside the NWT

Must have made a significant, long-term contribution to education

Must be independently motivated by a genuine desire to make a difference

Awards will be presented during the May-June Session in an induction ceremony in the Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly.

For additional information, contact:

Communications and Public Affairs
Education, Culture and Employment
Email: ecepublicaffairs@gov.nt.ca

7.2.2 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence

The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence recognize the efforts of outstanding teachers in all disciplines who instill in their students a love of learning, helping them excel and build a successful future.



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The Awards, offered at the **Certificate of Excellence (national)** and **Certificate of Achievement (regional)** levels, carry cash prizes of \$5,000 and \$1,000 respectively. **Certificates of Excellence** are awarded to the 15 top-ranked nominees, with at least one award designated for each of the following regions: British Columbia; Prairies; Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut; Ontario; Quebec; and Atlantic Canada.

The next 35 top-ranked nominees each receive a **Certificate of Achievement**.

Recipients receive program pins, as well as letters and certificates signed by the Prime Minister.

Program guidelines and nomination form may be accessed through
<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/pmate-ppmee.nsf/eng/home>