



Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police

presents the

School Resource Officer – Award of Excellence

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Building positive relationships between police officers, students, and school communities is vital to effective youth crime prevention, student success, and the formation of safer schools and stronger communities. In recent years, this premise has formed the foundation of a number of successful police-school partnerships across the province.

Ontario's full and part-time School Resource Officers are committed to working with students, faculty, and other stakeholders in elementary and secondary school communities to:

- proactively build lasting, meaningful, and productive relationships;
- support positive interaction between students and police in an environment which is comfortable for students;
- serve as a resource for students and school staff to provide information and address safety and/or other issues;
- act as positive role models and mentors to engage students and help them make constructive choices in their schools and communities;
- and provide programs and learning activities to educate and engage students on various topics (e.g., crime prevention, anti-bullying, internet safety, etc.).

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) seeks to recognize an officer who has contributed to the overall well-being of students and the community at large in an exemplary manner; an officer who has strived to build the relationships required to bridge the gap between students, schools, communities, and the police. These officers may be assigned to a dedicated school resource position or this may form just one aspect of their regularly assigned policing duties. The ideal nominee will have made a positive difference in their community through the development and delivery of student-directed programs and through the mentorship and leadership they've provided in supporting students to achieve positive outcomes.

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The Award submission deadline is Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Appendix A: How to Submit a Nomination

All nominations for the *School Resource Officer–Award of Excellence* must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for distribution by email.

Hard copy submissions will not be accepted.

Please ensure that the subject line of your email indicates which OACP Award nomination you are submitting for, and that you've attached the completed Award Nomination form.

One award nomination per email, please.

Nominations, which have been approved for submission by a Chief/Commissioner or their designate, may be submitted to Melissa Mascarin (mmascarin@oacp.ca) via email by no later than **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Appendix B: Selection Criteria

Submissions for the *School Resource Officer–Award of Excellence* will be reviewed by the OACP Youth Committee, with the final selection made by the OACP Awards and Honours Committee

Using the following as a guide to complete the nomination report, describe how the nominee demonstrates excellence in his or her work with students, schools, and the community:

Championing Innovative Programming and Student Success

- description of student initiatives or programs that the nominee has been/is involved in within the elementary or secondary school community (consider program objectives, target audience, program duration, and/or how the program addresses the unique needs of the community);
- displays leadership in developing, delivering, or supporting a variety of initiatives; and
- specific examples of outcomes (for example, impact on students and the school environment; building relationships with schools and the community; and/or strengthening crime prevention efforts through restorative approaches).

Commitment to Excellence

- dedicated commitment to building positive relationships with students, faculty, parents, and the broader community;
- involvement in school or community activities outside of the officer's regular duties;
- champions school resource officer activities throughout their service; and
- acts as a positive role model, mentor, and advocate for students.

Teamwork and Community Partnership

- displays enthusiasm about student programs and initiatives and encourages others to become involved (such as police officers, staff, volunteers, etc.);
- takes steps to promote student programs and initiatives in the community; and
- demonstrates commitment to working in partnership with students, school staff, and community stakeholders.

Recognition

- if relevant, previous awards or other types of recognition and support can be briefly detailed.

Appendix C: Rules

1. All nominations must be endorsed by the submitting organization's Civilian Manager, Commissioner, and Chief of Police or designate.
2. Only one nomination per organization will be accepted.
3. All nominations must be received on or before **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
4. Nominations must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for transmission via email.
5. Nominations for the 2021 OACP Awards must not exceed 500 words maximum.
6. All materials and information submitted as part of the nomination become the property of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and will not be returned.
7. Only one (1) civilian or police officer will receive this award annually.
8. Previous winners of the award are not eligible to apply. Nominations will be accepted on behalf of officers OR civilian members who have received "Certificates of Merit" in past years.
9. The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police reserves the right to utilize any portion of any award submission for purposes of publication.
10. The winner of the 2021 OACP Awards will be required to provide additional information (photos etc. for the OACP Award Videos)

Appendix D: Presentation of this Award

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the uncertainty as to when it will be safe and appropriate to gather in-person in 2021, the OACP Award presentations will move to a predominantly online format. The OACP will be announcing the recipients of the 2021 OACP Awards via our website and official social media channels ([Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)) during Police Week.

Following those announcements, the OACP will coordinate with the Chief/Commissioner of the award recipients to ensure the recipients are presented with their award at an in-person event in their respective communities.