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## Memorandum

**To:** Literacy and Basic Skills Network

**From:** Annette Huton, Director  
Skills Development and Community Response Branch

**Date:** May 1, 2025

**Subject:** Launch of the 2025 Council of the Federation Literacy Award  
(COFLA) nomination process

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We are pleased to announce that beginning May 1, 2025, Ontario will be accepting nominations for the annual Council of the Federation Literacy Award (COFLA).

This year's award theme is Transformative Education. The award will honour an adult learner who has transformed their life through achieving their goal of advancing their education and training by attaining high school or equivalent, entering an apprenticeship, or moving into post-secondary education. Submissions must be received by 5:00 P.M. on May 30, 2025. The Council of the Federation (COF) will announce the winner in a press release on September 8, 2025.

Interested parties can find out how to nominate a literacy leader and download the nomination package from [Ontario.ca](https://ontario.ca). To learn more about the COFLA or the COF, visit the [Council of the Federation website](#).

We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues in the literacy community to help ensure this information is circulated as widely as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the COFLA Coordinator at [COFLA.PACF@ontario.ca](mailto:COFLA.PACF@ontario.ca).

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**BACKGROUND:**

- In July 2004, Provincial and Territorial Premiers created the COFLA to recognize outstanding achievement, innovative practice and excellence in adult literacy.
  - The province has participated in COFLA since its inception in 2005.
  - Each province and territory administers its award separately, with award recipients receiving the Council of the Federation Literacy Medallion and Certificate and an education related prize in a ceremony to be held in the fall or winter.
- c. Laura Loveridge, Regional Director, Central East Region  
Vincent Suh, A/Regional Director, Central West Region  
Shawna Bourne, Regional Director, Eastern Region  
Nicole Pereira, A/Regional Director, Northern Region  
Heather Cross, Regional Director, Western Region