

What is Inclusive Education?

Inclusive education means that all students attend and are welcomed by their neighbourhood schools in age-appropriate, regular classes and are supported to learn, contribute and participate in all aspects of life within the school. They are schools where *'everyone belongs'*.

Inclusive education means that all students are educated in regular classrooms in which opportunities are developed for all students to learn together even though some students may have different education goals. It does not mean that individual students cannot leave the classroom for one-to-one support in specific subject areas.

Award: \$1,000

Purpose: To celebrate and reward efforts made by a school towards an inclusive education experience for students who have an intellectual disability.

Who is eligible? Elementary and Secondary schools in Windsor and Essex County.

What are the selection criteria?

- Demonstrates a strong belief in the potential of students with an intellectual disability;
- Promotes the rights of all children to attend their local school;
- Shows an outstanding commitment to supporting students with an intellectual disability to have the best possible learning environment within a regular grade classroom;
- Assists all students to achieve their full potential by ensuring appropriate classroom accommodations and curriculum modifications needed to achieve their individual education goals;
- Works collaboratively with others to champion a school culture of inclusion, community and respect;
- Builds strong relationships with students, parents and other school staff;
- Shows strong leadership, initiative and is resourceful in guiding students, families, educators through challenges and empowering people to take risks;
- Has a positive, helpful and caring attitude, providing and modeling a welcoming, accepting environment that ensures students with an intellectual disability do not remain or become socially isolated;
- Helps students with an intellectual disability to become part of the school community.

Selection Process: Each application and its supporting documentation will be reviewed by an Awards Committee of Community Living Windsor.

Application due date: March 27, 2015

For further information contact:

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Visit www.clwindsor.org to download additional nomination forms.

NOMINATION FORM

Name of school being nominated: _____

Address: _____

Contact name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Nomination submitted by: _____

Email: _____ **Phone #:** _____

How has this school made significant efforts to enrich the inclusive educational experience for students with an intellectual disability?

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Is there anyone in the school who has been a leader in creating an inclusive atmosphere?

How have they created an inclusive atmosphere in the school?

Any other information which may be helpful (i.e. letters of support, student names, families, who can add to your nomination information. Additional sheets may be added).

Please return nomination **by March 27, 2015** to the following:
Inclusive Education Awards Committee
Community Living Windsor, 7025 Enterprise Way, Windsor, ON N8T 3N6
THANK YOU!