

# Kenn Kloby Teacher of the Year Award

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## History:

The Kenn Kloby Teacher of the Year Award was established in 1995 by the Ontario Council for Exceptional Children to honour an outstanding educator.

An individual who teaches children with special needs possesses a great dedication and soon learns that the job entails much more than “educating” in the classroom. He/she brings to the situation a sense of caring and sensitivity towards individual differences and strives diligently to empower children to reach their full potential and to be happy.

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an art, but a habit.”

- Aristotle

## Criteria:

- The recipient must be currently involved in the provision of direct services to students who have disabilities and/or are gifted and talented.
- The recipient should have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a teacher (or provider of direct services) exhibiting such qualities as sensitivity, innovativeness, imagination, creativity, caring, sense of humour, commitment, ability to inspire, and volunteer work in the community at large. Demonstration of these qualities must be clearly recognized by members of the profession and others knowledgeable of the candidate.
- The recipient must be a member in good standing of CEC and have been so for at least the previous 3 years, and should be an appropriately qualified teacher or related specialist as recognized by the Ministry of Education and Training. Membership verification should be obtained from CEC headquarters and submitted with the application. A nominee who does not meet the membership requirement will not be considered.

**Token:** An engraved plaque

**Presented:** At the Annual Provincial Conference

## Guidelines:

Each region is encouraged to nominate a candidate for the “Teacher of the Year” award. The “Kenn Kloby Award” recipient will be selected from among those nominees by the Provincial Awards Standing Committee and will be Ontario’s nomination for the “Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award – International CEC”.