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## Memorandum

**To:** Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Network

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**Date:** March 18, 2024

**Subject:** Launch of the 2024 Council of the Federation Literacy Award (COFLA)  
process

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We are pleased to announce that beginning March 18, 2024 Ontario will be accepting nominations for the annual Council of the Federation Literacy Award (COFLA).

This year's award theme is Work Ready and will honour an adult learner who showcased resiliency, perseverance, or commitment in the LBS program to improve their employment opportunities or graduate towards gainful employment. Submissions must be received by 5:00 P.M. on May 28, 2024. The Council of the Federation (COF) will announce the winner in a press release on September 6, 2024.

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 Council of the Federation, 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 Council of Federation Literacy Award Coordinator, at (437) 333-7026 or [COFLA.PACF@ontario.ca](mailto:COFLA.PACF@ontario.ca)

### BACKGROUND:

- In July 2004, Provincial and Territorial Premiers created the Council of the Federation Annual Literacy Award 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.