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## QRSTF Special Awards

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### Special Awards

Special Awards are sponsored recognitions that highlight excellence in specific scientific, technological, environmental, engineering, and community-focused fields. These awards are separate from the main judging categories and allow students to be recognized for unique strengths and interests.

### What Are Special Awards?

Special Awards are provided by organizations, companies, educational institutions, and community partners. Each award has its own criteria, eligibility requirements, and sponsor-defined focus area. Students may select up to three Special Awards during registration.

### Why We Offer Special Awards

Special Awards encourage students to explore specialized fields, reward innovation, and strengthen connections between youth and STEM-focused organizations. These awards often include monetary prizes, scholarships, bursaries, gift cards, and unique opportunities.



## Elexicon Energy Award

**Sponsor:** Elexicon Energy

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–6, 7–8, 9–12

**Criteria:** Awarded to projects demonstrating excellence in topics related to animals, habitats, protection, or invasive species.

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## Albert College Engineering Award

**Sponsor:** The City of Belleville

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–12

**Criteria:** Projects relevant to city departments or municipal infrastructure.

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## **Dennis Kritzer Computer Science Programming Award**

**Sponsor:** QRSTF

**Eligibility:** All divisions

**Criteria:** Software programs addressing a specific need.

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United Nations Association in Canada  
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## **UNAC Quinte Sustainability Award**

**Sponsor:** United Nations Association in Canada

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–12

**Criteria:** Projects dealing with clean energy production or use.

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## Albert College Engineering Award (Grade 6)

**Sponsor:** Albert College

**Eligibility:** Grade 6

**Criteria:** Engineering principles demonstrated in Grade 6 projects.

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## Albert College Life/Earth Sciences Award

**Sponsor:** Albert College

**Eligibility:** Grade 6

**Criteria:** Excellence in life or earth sciences.

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## Centre for Workforce Development Futures Award

**Sponsor:** Centre for Workforce Development

**Eligibility:** All levels

**Criteria:** Technical knowledge related to trades.

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## Quinte Conservation Authority Water Award

**Sponsor:** Quinte Conservation Authority

**Eligibility:** All divisions (2 awards)

**Criteria:** Water or watershed conservation.

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## The Panch Yogeswaran Robotics/AI Award

**Sponsor:** The Yogeswaran Family

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–6, 7–8, 9–12

**Criteria:** Robotics or AI research or demonstration.

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## The Professional Engineers of Ontario Award

**Sponsor:** PEO

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–6, 7–8, 9–12

**Criteria:** Best demonstrated use of engineering principles.

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## The Erika Jackson Environmental Award

**Sponsor:** Doug and Inara Jackson



## The Derek & Kevin Sue-Chue-Lam Award

**Sponsor:** Derek & Kevin Sue-Chue-Lam

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–6 and 7–12

**Criteria:** Creative environmental problem-solving.

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## The Amcor Biology Award

**Sponsor:** Amcor

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–8 and 9–12

**Criteria:** Projects related to biology or organisms.

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## Prince Edward County Climate Change Award

**Sponsor:** County of Prince Edward

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–12

**Criteria:** Climate change experiments relevant to the local area.

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## Allegra Belleville Best Display Board Award

**Sponsor:** Allegra Belleville

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–8 and 9–12

**Criteria:** Clarity, professionalism, distinctiveness, innovation.

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## Michel Sarrazin French Language Award

**Sponsor:** ACFOMI

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–5, 6, 7–8, 9–12, Immersion

**Criteria:** Best projects from French-language schools.

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## OACETT Technology Innovation Award

**Sponsor:** OACETT

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–8 and 9–12

**Criteria:** Innovative use or adaptation of technology.

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## The Arlyne Gillespie Astronomy Award

**Sponsor:** The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–12

**Criteria:** This award recognizes an outstanding astronomy-related project completed by one or two students. Projects should demonstrate strong effort, effective problem-solving, and relevance to the broader community.

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## The Carleton University Scholarship Award

**Sponsor:** Carleton University

**Eligibility:** Grade 12

**Criteria:** \$1000 scholarship awarded to the top Grade 12 project. The student must enroll in a Science or Engineering program at Carleton University for Fall 2027.

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## Loyalist College Project Excellence Award

**Sponsor:** Loyalist College

**Eligibility:** Grades 11–12

**Criteria:** Recognizes outstanding senior-level projects demonstrating strong effort, problem-solving, and community relevance.

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**Sponsor:** Loyalist College

**Eligibility:** Grades 4–8

**Criteria:** \$500 cash award for the school with the most winning projects. Split in case of a tie.

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## SHAD Community Changemaker Award

**Sponsor:** SHAD Canada

**Eligibility:** Grades 7–8 and Grades 9–10

**Criteria:** Recognizes creativity, curiosity, leadership potential, and social impact through STEM.

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## The University of Ottawa Scholarship Award



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