

Memo # 6
To: OECTA Secondary Teachers
From: Michele MacDonald
Re: OECTA Leadership Training Program 2015-2016

The OECTA Leadership Training Program - Foundational is open for applications. The Simcoe Muskoka Secondary Unit has one spot that can be filled by a secondary member for the Foundational Program. Participants will gain a broad foundation of knowledge and skills in collective bargaining, communications, contract administration, leadership, legislative framework, OECTA governance, and professional relations. A Certificate of Foundational Training will be awarded following the completion of six required three-hour modules and two optional three-hour modules.

The selection of a participant from the Simcoe Muskoka Secondary Unit is a joint process between the local Unit Executive and Provincial office. The local Unit in choosing the participant will look at the following criteria:

1. Involvement at the local Unit
2. Interest/involvement in contract management
3. Interest/involvement in Government Relations
4. knowledge of Unions
5. Commitment to serving at the local level - executive or committee

The online application process for the Foundational program is open from December 1, until December 14, 2015. I have attached the pamphlet for the Foundational program to provide additional information to those interested. To access the online application you must log into the members' centre on the OECTA website - www.oecta.on.ca - and click on the link - OECTA Leadership.

In order to be considered you have to be available for the four training sessions - March 31, April 1, May 19, and May 20.

For those members who have already participated in the Foundational Training Program you will have the opportunity to apply for the Specialized Training Program. Participants who have completed the Foundational Program or Specialized Program(s) over the last five years will be invited by email to apply for the specialized program. **The online application process will open January 5, until January 22, 2016.** All Foundational graduates who have not yet completed a specialized program will be enrolled in the specialized program of their choice, and those wishing to take a second specialized program will be placed as space allows.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Unit office.

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