

CONVENTION NEWS

Plans are underway for the [2023 Annual Convention](#) to be held March 16 and 17 at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg. Room reservations are now open and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you plan to attend, contact your secretary-treasurer's office to reserve your room as soon as possible, so you don't miss out.



This year's convention will also mark the return of the very popular raffle traditionally held in conjunction with this event. The Convention Planning Committee has selected Newcomers Employment & Education Development Services to be the recipient of the monies raised in March 2023. [N.E.E.D.S. Inc.](#) is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides accessible services and supports to immigrant and refugee children, youth and their families in Manitoba.



The continued success of this raffle is due entirely to the support and generosity of member school boards, students and staff. After a 2-year hiatus, MSBA anticipates strong support for this fundraiser and looks forward to showcasing all items received. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please [email](#) our Event Manager, Riel Dion, by February 24, 2023, to make arrangements.

AWARDS DEADLINE APPROACHING

Each year at the Annual Convention, the Association honours long-serving trustees, exemplary individuals and inspiring students with the following awards:

- The Student Citizenship Award recognizes outstanding young people throughout Manitoba who are actively involved in their communities and schools. There are no age or grade restrictions on these awards; all students in regular attendance in grades K-12 at a Manitoba public school are eligible. Students in grades 9-12 only can self-nominate by submitting their application [online](#) or by filling out the [form](#) and [emailing](#) it to Jennifer Esau.
- The Presidents' Council Award celebrates exemplary service and outstanding achievement, innovative thinking and personal initiative, and lasting and pervasive impact in the field of public education.



- Long Service Trustee Recognition honours trustees with 12, 16 or 20 years of school board service. In 2023, the recognition milestones were expanded to include trustees with 30 and 40 years of service.

The nomination deadline for all awards is Friday, January 27, 2023. Review the 2023 awards [package](#) for complete nomination details.

FUTURE CITY EXPERIENCE

Registration is now open for the [Future City Experience 2023](#)! This FREE program presented by [Engineers Canada](#) challenges students in grades 6, 7, and 8 to use the engineering design process to research, design, and build a model of a city 100 years into the future. The [registration](#) deadline is January 27.

TOOLS TO SUPPORT ACCESSIBILITY

Are you looking for tips on making communications more accessible and inclusive? Manitoba's Disabilities Issues Office (DIO) supports [The Accessibility for Manitobans Act](#) with various tools and resources to help expand knowledge and action on accessibility.

The tools cover topics including understanding accessibility, accessibility legislation, and creating accessibility in your communications. Check out the Accessibility Manitoba [website](#) for more information.

SEE DIFFERENT

[See Different](#) was started by [The Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion](#) (CCDI) in 2015 as an in-school educational program that empowered students with the knowledge and tools to make meaningful changes in their communities.



The program has recently evolved into an online format. It introduces student groups or individuals to the fundamentals of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) by exploring DEI language and terminology, building awareness of different dimensions of diversity, and understanding Canada's history of systemic racism and discrimination. *See Different* is a free, two-part, online training and certification program available to youth in Canada between the ages of 15-24. To learn more and to register for the program, visit the [website](#).

See you in 2023!

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Holidays!

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