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## YOUR COLLEGE AND YOU

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### SERVE YOUR PROFESSION



Would you like to serve on the College Council? Or do you have a colleague you'd like to nominate?

Nominations for the 23 elected positions on the College Council close December 9.

Download your **nomination form** today.

A new College Council will be elected in early 2012. If you are a member in good standing with the College, you are eligible to serve on Council as a representative of the region or school system in which you are a member.

Step forward. Serve your profession. Run. Nominate a colleague.

As soon as we receive your nomination package, we will send you an acknowledgement.

Within five business days of that acknowledgement, the College Registrar will send you a response indicating if you meet the requirements for candidacy.

**If you have sent your nomination package and have not heard from us, please call the election hotline immediately at 416-961-8800 or toll-free in Ontario at 1-888-534-2222 ext 559.**

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## **PAYING YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE**

Do you pay your annual membership fee directly to the College? If so, we will activate our online payment system for 2012 on December 9.

The annual membership fee is due January 1. If your fee is not paid by April 15, you will no longer be a member in good standing and will not be able to teach in a publicly funded school in Ontario.

If you work for a publicly funded school board, your fee is likely deducted from your paycheque. If you're not sure, check with your HR department.

For payment options and more information, visit **www.oct.ca**.

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## **ACCESS FREE RESOURCES**

Are you planning to work on an Additional Qualification course over the holidays?

The College's **Margaret Wilson Library** has extensive resources to assist you with your studies. At no cost, you can borrow books from the comfort of your home by logging

into the Members' Area. We'll mail you books and videos for free.

We will be closed for holidays at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2011 and re-open for a regular business day on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Please place your book and video orders for the holidays before December 16 to ensure you receive them on time.

Also at no cost, members can electronically access EBSCO, containing the world's foremost research databases offering premium content in any subject area, such as classroom management, leadership, learning styles and English as a Second Language. This free online service is available 24/7 all year round.

Log in to the **Members' Area** to get immediate access to over 8,000 full-text journals, 700 full-text newspapers and 317,000 full-text education documents. If you create an account with EBSCO, you can receive alerts for new journal issues.

To find out more about the library or to access materials from anywhere in Canada, visit **www.oct.ca** or e-mail **library@oct.ca**.

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## MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Don't leave home without your OCT card this holiday season. Save on your holiday shopping and take in attractions at discounted prices.



Your OCT card is packed with savings on accommodations, theatres, museums, sporting events, computers, books, jewellery and much more. Check out the list of organizations offering free admission and discounts across Ontario on the College **web site**.

Remember the key to receiving your discounts is to present your card. No card, no discount. Without seeing a valid OCT card, providers can't determine who is entitled to the special offers. To claim a discount by phone, mention that you are an Ontario Certified Teacher with a membership card.

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If you wish to reply to this message, please provide your name and registration number so that we can provide an accurate and detailed response.