



**Manitoba  
Association  
of Teachers  
of English**

## Sheldon Oberman Award

Sheldon Oberman was an English and drama teacher for almost 30 years in Winnipeg. His love of English translated into a prestigious career as an author. He published 12 books, including: the award winning *Always Prayer Shawl*, *The Shaman's Nephew* (short-listed for the Governor-General's Award) and, most recently, *The Island of the Minotaur*. A two-volume collection of Jewish folk tales will be published posthumously. His talents also extended to the stage and film. He toured North America as a professional storyteller. He wrote columns and freelance articles for the Winnipeg Free press and published children's songs, stories and poems in a number of magazines, journals and anthologies. Sheldon was the keynote speaker at the 2003 MATE SAG. He passed away in 2003 and he will be sorely missed by teachers, readers and students alike.

**The Manitoba Association of Teachers of English is honouring Sheldon Oberman's memory by establishing an award given to deserving candidates at the annual MATE SAG Conference. We invite applications for candidates who fill the following requirements:**

1. The candidate is a Faculty of Education student in certification year.
2. The candidate pursues writing.
3. One of the candidate's teachable subjects is English or drama.

The Sheldon Oberman Award winner will receive a \$250 scholarship, a 3-year membership to MATE, a one-year membership to CCTELA (Canadian Council for Teachers of English Language Arts) and free registration to SAG in the year she or he wins the award.

**Deadline: October 1, 2010**

Interested candidates will apply with a resume, a letter from a Faculty of Education professor indicating teachable areas, and samples of their written work. Samples should represent the various genres with which the writer has experience. Total length should not exceed ten pages. Please submit all resumes and samples in a format which can easily be photocopied. A panel will determine the winner, based on the quality of writing and active involvement in the field of writing. Winners will be notified by phone and are expected to attend the 2009 MATE SAG Conference in order to accept their award.

### **Applications can be sent to:**

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