

## IOWA AEYC'S EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY AWARD

*Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis but must be postmarked by June 21<sup>st</sup> to be considered for the current years Fall Early Learning Institute.*

Name of educator/professional/program you are nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home or cell): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position (professional in child development home, in a child care center, or preschool, or in a pre K-grade 3 program): \_\_\_\_\_

Why this teacher/program should be considered for this award. *(Attach a narrative letter of support, at least one but no more than two pages, typed, detailing contributions, effectiveness, and how you know the candidate/program. Include information on the nominee's qualifications for this award)*

Background information of nominee (special certifications and training): \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by (school or program name): \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor or person or program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date nomination submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting recommendation *(must be an Iowa AEYC member)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home or cell): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children will grant an annual award to a nominee who has made a significant contribution to expanding inclusive practices in early care and education.

Nominations for the award can be made by any Iowa AEYC member and submitted anytime up until June 21. Nominations will be considered at the Summer Governing Board meeting and the winner will be selected by the Governing Board. The Award will be presented by the President at the Fall Early Learning Institute. *(An exception may be made to give no award or more than one award in any one year.)*

The criteria to be used in selecting the candidate/program for this award include:

1. Nominations must include a narrative letter of support including high performing inclusive contributions made, details of nominee's implementation, impact, and effectiveness in elevating inclusive and equitable practices and opportunities.
2. Contributions in early care and education program and/or volunteer efforts that make a positive difference in meeting the needs of young children and/or their families.
3. Nominee contribution must impact children between ages birth to age eight years in a regulated child care program, preschool or primary grade level school.
4. In addition to the nomination and narrative letter of support, you must include the contact information for two others that would support this nomination.

Supporters might include:

- A supervisor or other colleague familiar with day-to-day role and responsibilities of the nominee or the daily operation of the program
- An employee or family/guardian of a child in their classroom/care or in the program, chapter or community

### Supporters of this nomination:

Name	Email address	Phone Number	Relationship to Nominee

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**EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY AWARD- *NARRATIVE LETTER OF  
SUPPORT***