

Champions for Children

New York State Association for the Education of Young Children recognizes individuals who have dedicated their work, time and resources to children, families and the field of early care and education. Nominations for NYSAEYC Champions for Children are accepted by anyone who wants to recommend a candidate. The honorees will be recognized at the Champions for Children Awards Event at the Annual NYSAEYC Conference on Friday, April 5, 2013 at the Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center, Verona, New York. This celebration has become a popular event at the conference as we celebrate all of us that serve children and their families and particularly recognize the 2013 NYSAEYC Champions for Children.

Please submit your nominations by **November 28, 2012**

Categories

- ***Early Childhood Leader*** is an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to leading others in the early care and education field. The nominee should be a professional in early care and education whose efforts in advocacy, research, and/or the mentorship of practitioners has made a significant contribution to the field. Leadership characteristics should include the ability to communicate and demonstrate appropriate practice and lead others to better understand the needs of children and families.
- ***Early Childhood Supporter*** is an individual who has made a significant contribution toward facilitating and implementing policies to improve the early care and education field. The nominee is not necessarily an early care and education professional, but through a body of work in advocacy, research, or through significant financial contributions has made an impact on policy, programming or teacher education.
- ***Member of the Year*** is an individual who has dedicated time, energy and support to the local AEYC chapter and local projects and/or NYSAEYC. The candidate must be a member of NYSAEYC. She/he should be active in promoting best practices for children and families in the local community.
- ***Student Leader*** is a matriculated student in an undergraduate or graduate early childhood education or child development program. The nominee must demonstrate strong leadership potential and be active in efforts to improve the field of early care and education by advocating, working on a research project, or organizing other students in a formalized endeavor.

Note: *The candidate may not be a member of the NYSAEYC Board of Directors or staff.*

Please send nominations to:

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2013 Champions for Children Application

Based on the descriptions on the reverse side, check the category that best fits your nominations:

___ *Early Childhood Leader*

___ *Student Leader*

___ *Early Childhood Supporter*

___ *Member of the Year*

Your Name _____ Phone # _____

Affiliation or Employer _____ Work # _____

Candidate's Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

AEYC Affiliation _____

Candidate(s) Job Title _____

Employer _____ Work # _____

Address _____

How many years has the candidate been in this position? _____

Describe 3-5 accomplishments this person has made on behalf of children:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following questions:

1. How has this person gone above their normal job requirements?

2. Why do you feel we should select this candidate?

___ I would like my candidate notified of this nomination even if she/he is not selected.

___ I give permission for the information on this form to be shared with the nominee, if requested.

NYSAEYC Champions for Children Award Winners

2003

Dianne Meckler
Chancellor Robert Bennett
Anne Mitchell
Christina Lynch

Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Supporter
Early Childhood Benefactor
Member of the Year

2004

Nancy Kolben
Suzanne Zafonte Sennett
Barbara Blum
Marilyn Scudder Barnwell

Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Supporter
Early Childhood Supporter
Member of the Year

2005

Barbara Nilsen
Alice Sterling Honig
Robert and Peggy Wegman
Suzanne McLain

Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Supporter
Early Childhood Benefactor
Member of the Year

2006

Anne Ryan
Trudy Mollenberg
Double "H" Ranch
Jennifer Birckmayer
Alice Sample

Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Benefactor
Lifelong Excellency
Member of the Year

2007

Marilyn Cohen
Lynnda Merchant
Karen Schimke
Patricia Amanna

Member of the Year
Member of the Year
Early Childhood Benefactor
Early Childhood Leader

2008

Kelli Simpson
Colleen Walling
Mary Jo Hunt
Mary Lavin
Kathleen Burton

Member of the Year
Student Leader
Early Childhood Supporter
Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Leader

2009

Tammy Dunn
Linda Landsman
Sara Wilford
Caroline Zinsser

Student Leader
Early Childhood Supporter
Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Supporter

2010

Darcy Barber
Thomas Blumer
Ric Frank
Ellen Wohl

Student Leader
Early Childhood Supporter
Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Leader

2011

Vickie F. Calderon
Marcia Scheer
Peggy Liuzzi
Marsha Dumka

Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Supporter
Member of the Year

2012

Dr. Doris Fromberg
Bob Frawley
Joy Farina Foskett
Abbe Kovacic

Early Childhood Leader
Early Childhood Supporter
Student Leader
Member of the Year

