

Southern Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children Presents:

The 8th Annual Early Childhood Education Recognition Awards

Please join us in honoring the
brightest stars in Southern Nevada Early Care and Education

Nomination Application Enclosed



Awards Dinner and Ceremony
May 31, 2009
6:30 to 9:30 PM
The Grove at Silk Purse Ranch
8101 Racel Street, Las Vegas
(US 95 and N. Durango)

Tickets are \$20 for current SNAEYC Members and
\$25 for Non-Members.

Ticket price includes buffet style dinner and soft drinks, cash bar
Tickets must be purchased in advance by May 22nd.
(Tickets will not be available at the door)

To purchase tickets please call Tina Howell, 486-1476

Nomination Criteria

Do you know someone that fits into one of these categories?

The Constellation Award

A constellation is a grouping of stars forming a brilliant cluster.

(One Award Will Be Given)

This *community agency* supports, promotes, and contributes to families, children, and those who work in the field of Early Childhood.

Examples include: advocacy, financial resources, support and materials, training and education, and/or research.

The Shooting Star Award

A shooting star is a bright light in the atmosphere.

(Three Awards Will Be Given)

These *teachers* are nurturing, creative, and dedicated to families, children and other professionals in the field.

Examples include: provides loving and consistent care, able to touch lives through art, song, dance, and pretend play, has fresh ideas, enthusiasm, is energetic and continually learns new techniques.

Super Nova Award

A super nova is a brilliant explosion of a star flaring up to many times its original brightness.

(Three Awards Will Be Given)

These *Administrators* are resourceful, promote positive interactions and teamwork, and are stellar role models for their staff.

Examples include: advocates for families and children, supports, encourages, and mentors staff, provides extra resources and supports to families, keeps up-to-date on research and trends, creates solutions, is dependable, and a role model for others.

The Zenith Award

A zenith is the highest point or peak in the sky directly overhead.

(One Award Will Be Given)

This *individual* goes above and beyond in their contributions to the Early Childhood Community.

Examples include: advocates for families and children at a statewide or national level, has a caring nature and is always giving of themselves in both time and energy, shares knowledge with others through presentations, research and/or publications, and is a trailblazer with creative new ideas.

The Celestial Award

Celestial refers to heaven like beings who possess qualities similar to those of angels.

(Two Awards will be given)

These *supporting staff members* are an important part of the daily operations of a center.

Examples include: office staff, janitorial staff, kitchen staff, and volunteers.

The Parent's Choice Award

(Three Awards will be given)

These *ECE Professionals* have earned a place in the hearts of a parent for their dedication to the field, for their hard-work in their centers, and for the impact they have had on the lives of children. Parents may nominate any teacher, administrator, or support staff for this award.

Please Write a Narrative About the Nominee

To help the Awards Committee select the best person for each award, please include a narrative (or story) about the person or agency being nominated.

Your narrative must be typed and include:

- **A minimum of 100 words, but no more than 300.** (Past 300 words will not be read.)
- A description of the nominee's role or job (i.e. child's caregiver, parent, director.)
- Examples to show why they are being nominated. Examples might include stories about their work with children, parents, or caregivers—ways the person goes above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference for children and families and supports the field of Early Care and Education.

For your application to be considered, submit your narrative along with a completed Nomination Application Form.

The Deadline for Submitting Your Nomination Application and Narrative Is Friday, March 13th, 2009

Mail or Fax all Nominations to:

Tina Howell
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nevada
701 N. Rancho
Las Vegas, NV 89106
702.486.1495 (fax)

- A panel of individuals selected from the community will review nominations. The review committee will select the recipients in each category.
- Winners will be chosen based on the narrative with the application, as well as a classroom observation if the judging panel so chooses.
- The winners will be announced and the winning narratives may be read at the awards ceremony held on May 31, 2009 at The Grove at Silk Purse Ranch.
- This is an exciting opportunity for us to acknowledge those whom we respect and admire in the field of Early Care and Education in Southern Nevada.

For additional information please call

Tina Howell, 486-1476

thowell@dwss.nv.gov

Please feel free to make copies and share this with others.

Nomination Application

Please tell us about the person or agency being nominated for an award (one per form).

Name:

Program or Center:

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

Which award are you nominating this person/agency for?

Please choose one – _____.

The Constellation Award for a
Community Agency

The Shooting Star Award for Teachers

The Super Nova Award for Administrators

The Celestial Award for Support Staff

The Parent's Choice Award

The Zenith Award for an
Outstanding Individual

Please tell us about you.

Name:

Program or Center:

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

How long have you known the person you are nominating?

*Please remember each nominator may only submit three nominations.

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