

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 29, 2011 at The Renaissance Hotel, Westchester, 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 2011 NYSAEYC Champions for Children.

Please submit your nominations by **November 15, 2010**

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 NAEEYC. 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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2011 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

<i>Dianne Meckler</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Chancellor Robert Bennett</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Anne Mitchell</i>	<i>Early Childhood Benefactor</i>
<i>Christina Lynch</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

2004

<i>Nancy Kolben</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Suzanne Zafonte Sennett</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Barbara Blum</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Marilyn Scudder Barnwell</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

2005

<i>Barbara Nilsen</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Alice Sterling Honig</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Robert and Peggy Wegman</i>	<i>Early Childhood Benefactor</i>
<i>Suzanne McLain</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

2006

<i>Anne Ryan</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Trudy Mollenberg</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Double "H" Ranch</i>	<i>Early Childhood Benefactor</i>
<i>Jennifer Birckmayer</i>	<i>Lifelong Excellency</i>
<i>Alice Sample</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

2007

<i>Marilyn Cohen</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Lynda Merchant</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Karen Schimke</i>	<i>Early Childhood Benefactor</i>
<i>Patricia Amanna</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>

2008

<i>Kelli Simpson</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Colleen Walling</i>	<i>Student Leader</i>
<i>Mary Jo Hunt</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Mary Lavin</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Kathleen Burton</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>

2009

<i>Tammy Dunn</i>	<i>Student Leader</i>
<i>Linda Landsman</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Sara Wilford</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Caroline Zinsser</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>

2010

<i>Darcy Barber</i>	<i>Student Leader</i>
<i>Thomas Blumer</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Ric Frank</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Ellen Wohl</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>