



Annual State Conference Award Nomination FAQs

What are the MnAEYC-MnSACA Annual State Conference awards?

Each year at the Annual State Conference, MnAEYC-MnSACA presents four awards (two early childhood and two school-age) in order to acknowledge the great contributions happening in our child care centers, schools, and educational community that positively impact the field and the children and families in Minnesota. Visit our [website](#) to read a more detailed description of each award.

Why should I nominate someone for an award?

Too often professionals in the field are unrecognized for the impactful work they are doing on a day-to-day basis. It is especially important for colleagues to recognize each other, and we need your help to identify individuals, groups, and agencies that deserve affirmation for contributions they have made.

What is the process for nominating someone?

Submitting a nomination is easy! Visit our [website](#) to learn more about each award, then click on the nomination form of the award you wish to nominate someone for. The form simply asks for your contact information, the nominee's contact information, and a description about how they meet the qualifications of the award.

When are nominations due?

Nominations for the 2017 Annual State Conference are due by Friday, December 2. However, *nominations are now accepted year round*, so those received after December 2 will be considered for the 2018 conference.

Can I nominate more than one person, group, or agency?

Of course! MnAEYC-MnSACA wants to hear about all of the wonderful things happening in our field and within the community that have a positive impact on children and families.

What will the nominee receive if they are selected as the recipient of an award?

Recipients of each of the four awards will be recognized at lunch in front of approximately 600 of their fellow colleagues at our Annual State Conference. They will also receive a personalized plaque and will be featured in our quarterly newsletter.

Who can I nominate for an award?

We encourage you to nominate *anyone* who has had a positive impact on the early childhood or afterschool field and the children and families in Minnesota. This could range anywhere from an experienced professional who has been in the field for 30 years to a newly-hired assistant teacher in their first job out of college. Wonderful things are happening all around us! Be creative! Do you know state legislators who have made an impact on the field? Authors? Training organizations? Museums? Theaters? They could all be eligible for an award. Each award has slightly different qualifications (for example, some require a MnAEYC or MnSACA membership – but some don't), so it will be up to you to determine which award fits the individual, group, or agency you wish to recognize.

More questions? Please contact info@mnaeyc-mnsaca.org.