

WI Division for Early Childhood (WDEC) & WI Early Childhood Association (WECA)
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Nominations are now being accepted from WDEC and WECA membership for Early Childhood Special Education Teacher of the Year, Early Childhood Teacher of the Year, Collaborative Team of the Year, Outstanding Service Award, Outstanding Partner in Early Education and Care and Student Teacher of the Year. Recipients will be presented their awards at the Professional Development Luncheon during the 55th Annual Wisconsin Early Childhood Education and Care Conference, (formerly the WECA/WDEC Birth to Five Collaborative Conference), on Friday, October 23, 2009. This is an excellent opportunity for you to recognize outstanding contributions to the field of Early Childhood Education. Please take time to make your nominations by filling out the attached forms and **return by August 1, 2009 to:**

Ruth Nyland
4528 Kensington Court
Eau Claire, WI 54701

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS:

Early Childhood Special Education Teacher of the Year Award:

The nominee must be a Birth-3 or ECSE teacher with at least two years experience working with young children (ages birth to age 8) and their families. He or she should have consistently demonstrated outstanding teaching abilities with infants/toddlers/preschoolers/kindergarten/primary children and/or their families.

Early Childhood Teacher of the Year

The nominee must be an Early Childhood Teacher or Child Care Provider with at least two years of experience working with young children (ages birth to age 8). He or she should have consistently demonstrated outstanding teaching abilities with infants/toddlers/preschoolers/kindergarten/primary children and/or their families.

Outstanding Service Award

The nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to the field of Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education/Early Education. He or she should have made contributions to the field that has benefited all children including young children with special needs, their families, and/or professionals. The continuity of service (i.e. – over time or in several situations) will be considered. This award is designed to acknowledge those who have made regional or statewide impact through their work.

Collaborative Team of the Year Award:

The Team Award may be comprised of members from one agency or multiple agencies (e.g. Head Start, School District, Therapists, Early Childhood, Birth-3, Child Care Providers or Specialists, etc.). Preference will be given to teams that represent multiple agencies and multiple disciplines.

Student Teacher of the Year:

The nominee must be a full-time student who demonstrates high academic achievement, leadership, and/or volunteer experience in the field of EC or ECSE and is/was engaged in a successful student teaching experience. A student may nominate him/herself but will need to include at least one reference who is knowledgeable of the student's qualifications. This recipient will also receive a \$100 stipend.

Outstanding Partner in Early Education and Care:

This award is designed to acknowledge the important contribution of those who support early education and care in Wisconsin. Individuals in a variety of roles may be considered (therapist, parents, paraprofessional, advocate, volunteer, active community member/board/organization, etc.)

Qualifications:

A variety of qualifications will be considered. You may find the following categories helpful in describing the nominee's abilities or contributions to the field. Some categories may apply more than others.

Service to Children (developmental appropriateness, functionality, creativity, flexibility, continuity)

Family Involvement (responsive to individual family needs, implementing individualized family programs with creativity & flexibility)

Coordination of Resources (integrating/coordinating services with regular education and/or therapy, & other community services; facilitating transitions)

Contributions to the Field (using/sharing innovative practices; research and development; pursuing professional development, community service)

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2009 (To be awarded at Fall 2009 Conference)

Name of Award: _____ Early Childhood Special Education Teacher of the Year
(Check one category) _____ Early Childhood Teacher of the Year
(Priority will be given to classroom teachers who work daily with young children (birth to age 8) in a variety of settings including: child care, preschool, 4K, kindergarten, early elementary, ECSE itinerant, inclusive or self-contained)

Nominee _____

Home address _____

Agency/School District _____

Phone _____ (work) _____ (home)

Years as an Educator _____ E-mail _____

Please describe the nominee's qualifications. You may attach an additional page if needed.

Please list two references (administrator, co-worker, parent of a student, etc.) we may contact if we need additional information:

Name/Position _____ Phone _____

Name/Position _____ Phone _____

Your Signature _____ Date _____

You Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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Name of Award: Outstanding Service Award (This award is designed to acknowledge the career of a professional who has or is making a lasting impact on early childhood education or services for young children and families in a region of the state or statewide.)

Nominee _____

Address _____

Agency/School District _____

Phone _____ (work) _____ (home)

Years of Involvement _____ E-Mail _____

Please describe the nominee's qualifications. You may attach an additional page if needed.

Please list two references (administrator, co-worker, parent of a student, etc.) we may contact if we need additional information:

Name/Position _____ Phone _____

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Name of Award: **Collaborative Team of the Year** (Priority will be given to teams that cross both agencies and disciplines to work to benefit young children and their families in communities in Wisconsin.)

Nominee _____

Nominee _____

Nominee _____

Nominee _____

Agency/School District (if applicable) _____

Years as a Team _____

Team member to be contacted for award notification:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ (work) _____ (home) e-mail _____

Please describe the team's qualifications. Attach an additional page as needed.

Please list two references (administrator, co-worker, parent of a student, etc.) we may contact if we need additional information:

Name/Position _____ Phone _____

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Your Signature _____ Date _____

You Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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Name of Award: **Student Teacher of the Year**

Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ (work) _____ (home)

E-mail address _____

College/University: _____

Student Teaching Experience (location / age or grade level / beginning & end dates)

Please describe the nominee's qualifications. Attach additional page as needed.
(Note: Award recipient will also receive a \$100 stipend) (Priority will be given to student teachers who demonstrate the interest and ability to meet the needs of diverse learners, i.e. children with disabilities, children from diverse cultural backgrounds or English Language learners.)

Please list two references (advisor, supervising teacher/administrator) we may contact if we need additional information:

Name/Position _____ Phone _____

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Your Signature _____ Date _____

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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Name of Award: Outstanding Partner In Early Education and Care (This award is designed to acknowledge the important contribution of those who support early education and care. Individuals in a variety of roles may be considered (therapist, parents, paraprofessional, advocate, volunteer, active community member/board/organization, etc.)

Nominee _____

Address _____

**Agency/School District/
Community** _____

Phone _____ (work) _____ (home)
E-mail address _____ **Years of Involvement** _____

Please describe the nominee's qualifications. You may attach an additional page if needed.

Please list two references (administrator, co-worker, parent of a student, etc.) we may contact if we need additional information:

Name/Position _____ **Phone** _____

Name/Position _____ **Phone** _____

Signature of person making nomination _____

Printed Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____ **Date** _____

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