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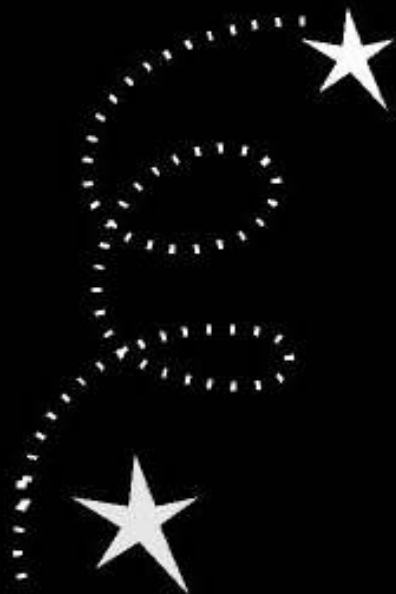
EXCELLENCE

FOR

PROGRAM

AND

PRACTICE



Application Package

Major Corporate Sponsors:

Program

To be announced

Practice

Dairy Farmers of Canada

Deadline April 9th

Organization Sponsors





The ECLC Award of Excellence Program and Practice

Educating and Caring for young children is one of the most important occupations in our society. The educators and programs that provide early learning and care and to young children have an impact on each child's life that lasts a lifetime.

Award Categories

The Early Childhood Learning and Care (ECLC) Awards of Excellence for Educators and Programs honours the accomplishments and dedication of exceptional early childhood educators and programs. There is one award for each category.

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program: This honour will be awarded to a Nova Scotia early childhood education program that provides outstanding and high-quality early childhood care and learning to the children enrolled in the program.

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice: This honour will be awarded to an individual Early Childhood Educator working in the Nova Scotia Early Childhood Education sector who consistently demonstrates best practices in their care of young children and an outstanding dedication to the children they care for and to the early childhood education profession.

Recognition

ECLC Award of Excellence for **Program** winner will receive a framed certificate, a \$200 gift certificate and one full conference registration for the *Spring ECE Conference and Trade Show* including the *Gala Reception* where the award will be presented. A table for 10 will be reserved for the program winner's party that will include the sponsor representative and program winner's guests.

ECLC Award of Excellence for **Practice** award winner will receive a framed certificate, a \$200 gift certificate and one full conference registration for the *Spring ECE Conference and Trade Show* including the *Gala Reception* where the award will be presented. A table for 10 will be reserved for the winner's party that will include the sponsor representative and winner's guests.

Eligibility

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program, sponsored by: *To be announced*

- The Nominated Early Childhood Program must be an early learning and care program (regulated center, pre-primary or family childcare agency) operating in Nova Scotia with no conditions on the license (if applicable).
- The Nominated Early Childhood Program must provide an Early Childhood Learning and Care program for at least nine months of the year
- The Nominated Early Childhood Program must have operated their program for at least five years.

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice sponsored by: *Dairy Farmers of Canada*

- The Nominee must work in an early learning and care program in Nova Scotia, either a center-based program, pre-primary or family home attached to a licensed facility/agency
- The Nominee must work a minimum of 20 hours per week providing early childhood education and care to young children
- The Nominee must provide evidence of post-secondary training in early childhood learning and care in the form of:
 - Degree, diploma or certificate in early childhood education or
 - Certified by the Certification Council of Early Childhood Educators of NS as an ECE (active and up to date) or
- The Nominee from a family childcare home must have proof of completion of training in family childcare
- The Nominee must have worked in an Early Childhood Education Program for at least 3 years

Nominators

Nominators may be any person or group with direct knowledge of the nominee's contribution.

Selection Committee

How the Recipients are chosen:

- **The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program:** A committee of Administrators will review and evaluate the nomination packages to select the winner.
- **The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice:** A committee of Early Childhood Educators will review and evaluate the nomination packages to select the winner.

Selection Criteria

Nomination text should include how the nominee exhibits the following selection criteria:

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- Commitment to and demonstration of high-quality programs for **children**
- Commitment to and demonstration of a high-quality work environment for **staff** in their program
- Commitment to & demonstration of involvement with **parents, families and community**
- Innovation and creativity in the provision of services

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice

- Commitment and support to **Children's** growth & development
- Commitment and support to **Families**
- Commitment and support to their **ECE Program**
- Commitment and leadership in the **ECE Profession**
- Uses **innovative and creative** ECE program approaches

When developing the Nomination text:

- Follow the criteria set out in the nomination guidelines
- Provide concrete examples and details to show how the nominee has met the selection criteria and explain the impact of the nominee's (program or practitioner) efforts.
- Focus on the overall achievements of the nominee.

How to Apply

Develop a nomination package, following the guidelines below.

- Each nomination package must include a completed copy of the application form.
- Forms must be signed by the nominee and nominator

Application Deadline: April 9th

Assembling your Nomination Package

The nomination package illustrates the outstanding achievements of the nominee and clearly explains why the Program or Practitioner should receive the ECLC Award of Excellence. Contents of the nomination package should include:

- An original copy along with either two (2) additional paper copies **or** an email copy of the **Word** file (* only Microsoft **Word** digital files will be accepted)
- Signed nomination form
- Nomination text
- Letters of support that provide evidence of the nominee's excellence and achievements under all of the selection criteria. A single letter may address one or a number of the selection criteria. Letters should not exceed one page and must be signed by the author. Letters may come from anyone with direct knowledge of the accomplishments of the nominee, however, letters from parents, children, peers and professional associations are particularly effective.

And the following for either the practice or program award:

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program

Description of program including:

- Mission
- Program philosophy
- Numbers and ages of children
- Number of families served (currently)
- Program methodology (example, Montessori, Emergent, etc.)
- Number of staffs
- Relevant history
- Evidence that the program holds a valid license issued by the NS Department of Education and Early Childhood Development with no conditions (not applicable for pre-primary programs)
- Evidence that the program has been in operation for five or more years.

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- Evidence of nominee's training in ECE (copy of degree, diploma or certificate showing completion of training); and/or certification (CCECENS) status.)
- Evidence of Nominee's experience

Additional support materials (optional) can be enclosed, and could include, but not limited to PowerPoint, photos with captions, sample of children's work/activities, media activities, additional letters of support, a curriculum vitae etc.



Nomination Format

- Typewritten and double spaced in a font no smaller than 12 points one sided on 8 ½” by 11” paper (electronic submissions must be in Microsoft Word format)

It is the nominator’s responsibility to submit a complete nomination package by the deadline, April 9th.

Please send nominations to

By Mail:
The ECLC Awards of Excellence
Association of Early Childhood Educators of Nova Scotia
Suite 102 - 3845 Joseph Howe Drive
Halifax, NS B3L 4H9

By Email: info@aecens.ca

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Application Form The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program

Nominee: (type of print in block letters)

Full name and address of the program being nominated:

Program Name.....

Address.....

Community..... Postal Code.....

Telephone..... Email.....

Type of setting.....

There is evidence included in the package that the nominated program is License or Pre-Primary... ..

There is a description of the nominated program included in the nomination package.

There is evidence included in the package that the nominated program has been in operation for more than 5 years.

Contact Information:

Name:

Position in relation to the nominated program:.....

Address:.....

Community..... Postal Code.....

Email..... Phone:

Jurors will only consider information in the nomination package received by April 9th. All personal information collected in nominations is protected by the privacy act. Information is used to process the nominations and may be used in promoting the value of ECE's and other promotions by AECENS. Information will be stored at the AECENS offices 102-3845 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax, NS. Nominees may access, request corrections or have notations attached to the information about them at this address after the jury has selected the winner. Each recipient's name, ECE setting, and community will be included in promotion of the awards and information materials used by the ECLC Awards of Excellence.

Nominator:

Name.....

Organization represented (if applicable).....

Address:.....

Community..... Postal Code.....

Email:..... Phone:

Signatures:

Nominator: **Date:**

Nominee:

As a representative of the nominated program, I affirm that the information contained in this nomination package is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. I understand that the award-winning ideas, photos and methods may be published, and I give my release for that purpose.

Contact Signature:..... **Date:**.....

Position:.....

Application Form

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice

Nominee: (print or type in Block letters)

Name..... :

Full name and address of the ECE setting where nominee works

Setting Name:.....

Address:.....

Community:..... Postal Code.....

Telephone..... Email.....

Type of setting.....

Ages of children in the nominee's care:.....

- The Nominee works for a minimum of 3 days per week providing ECE to young children.
- There evidence included in this package that the ECLC setting in which the nominee works is licensed or a pre-primary program.
- There evidence included in the package that the nominee has worked in an ECE program for at least three years.
- There is evidence of the nominee's training in early childhood education included in this package.

Nominee Personal Information:

Address:.....

Community..... Postal Code.....

Telephone:..... email:.....

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Name:.....

Organization represented (if applicable);.....

Address:.....

Community:..... Postal Code:.....

Email:..... Phone:.....

Signatures:

Nominator:..... **Date:**.....

Nominee:

I, the nominee, affirm that the information contained in this nomination package is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. I understand that the award- winning ideas, photos and methods may be published and I give my release for that purpose.

Signature:..... **Date:**.....