

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR AWARDS BANQUET NOMINATION PACKAGE

**Nominations due Thursday March 24, 2016 - Please use one package for each award nomination**

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Please answer the questions below providing as much information as possible about the Nominee. The more information you provide the better understanding the Selection Committee will have about the individual being nominated and why you believe they should receive the award.

Note: Nominee must work in a licensed child care setting, School Board, OEYC or support program and currently work in Haldimand County, Norfolk County, The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation or Six Nations of the Grand River.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate of which College/University (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Centre: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the Nominee? (Parent/Co-Worker/Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone number of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **For which Award are you nominating this person?** (Please check only one)

If you are unsure which award fits your nomination please check the "unknown" box and we will select a category for you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honouring Play                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening Parents, Families & Communities  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Embracing All Children (Must be a Registered ECE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fanshawe ECE Alumni (Must be a Registered ECE) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professionalism (Must be a Registered ECE)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mohawk ECE Alumni (Must be a Registered ECE)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Mile  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown – Please choose for me                 |
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Submit your nomination package to Jodi Walsh (519-426-6170 ext.3736) no later than March 24, 2016:

**Canada Post:**  
Haldimand Norfolk Health and Social Services  
PO Box 570, Simcoe, ON N3Y 4N5

**Email:**  
jodi.walsh@hnss.org

**Note: Materials will not be returned to nominator. The package will be forwarded to the nominee.**

## 2016 Award Categories

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### **Honouring Play**

An individual that has demonstrated creativity by initiating new ideas in programming (curriculum), use of resources and enriching the lives of children through play. The nominee uses reflective practices, focuses on children's natural curiosity and exuberance and has embedded the early childhood setting with rich learning opportunities.

*Sponsored by Haldimand Norfolk Preschool Speech and Language*

### **Embracing All Children: Must be a Registered ECE**

An individual who demonstrates exemplary respect for diversity, equity and inclusion. The nominee has embraced the unique life experiences, orientations and developmental abilities of ALL children. Understanding that children benefit most when they are fully included and when they feel they belong. They have nurtured the individuality of each child. This individual has encouraged and motivated others with a team approach, sustained a positive attitude and creatively provided an environment to support others.

*Sponsored by Koala T Care Daycare*

### **Professionalism: Must be a Registered ECE and have a minimum of 3 years' experience**

A dedicated REECE who has demonstrated professionalism in their work with children, families and/or peers, raising the profile of ECEs in the community. They are passionate about learning and stay informed of current events and practices in the field. They provide professional leadership, commitment, and sharing of information through committee and active community involvement.

*Sponsored by Oneida New Holland*

### **Extra Mile**

The nominee will be someone who has gone "the extra mile" thereby improving the lives of children in our community. This award will honour someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty. This person gives their time, resources and energy while putting others before themselves. The only reward they look for is to benefit others. The attitude of this person is to serve in order to enhance the quality of the program and the development and enjoyment of students and colleagues.

*Sponsored by Little People's Academy*

### **Strengthening Parents, Families & Communities**

This special award will focus on an individual who has enhanced the lives of young children by promoting parent engagement and connection within the community. This award honours an individual that encourages, organizes and provides opportunities for family involvement, building respectful relationships with families and promoting connections within the community. This includes any individual who has demonstrated involvement to enhance the lives of children, families and communities.

*Sponsored by Haldimand- Norfolk R.E.A.C.H.*

## Alumni Awards

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### **Fanshawe ECE Alumni: Must be a Registered ECE**

This award recognizes graduates of the ECE program of Fanshawe College, Simcoe/Norfolk Regional Campus, who believe in the value of quality care and has dedicated their passion through sustained contributions and continued commitment to the field of ECE; including frontline work, supervisory responsibilities, committee involvement, and other demonstrated qualities of a lifelong learner.

*Sponsored by Fanshawe College, Simcoe/Norfolk Regional Campus*

### **Mohawk ECE Alumni: Must be a Registered ECE**

This award recognizes graduates of the ECE program at Mohawk College who believe in the value of quality care and has dedicated their passion through sustained contributions and continued commitment to the field of ECE; including frontline work, supervisory responsibilities, committee involvement, and other demonstrated qualities of a lifelong learner.

*Sponsored by Mohawk College*

## Why is this individual deserving of the award?

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Please make your responses as detailed as possible with specific examples where applicable. Tell us why this person is special and goes above and beyond to foster positive emotional, social, physical and educational growth of each child. How has this individual impacted your centre, your child, your life, or that of those in their care?

What is it this person does that makes you want to nominate them?

The Selection Committee is only able to rely on the information you provide. Highlighting accomplishments and skills to show how your nominee demonstrates professionalism and excels in the chosen award category is very important. Use the award description as your guide to answering the questions below.

The Selection Committee may contact you for further information.

## What should we say if your nominee wins?

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Nothing is more personal than that which comes from the heart! Please write 4-5 sentences that we could use in introducing your nominee should they win the award. How would we describe them?

## Guidelines

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The Early Childhood Educator Awards will be administered according to the following guidelines. Nominees and Nominators must comply with these guidelines; have read and understand the requirements if they participate in the awards nomination process.

1. Signatures once letter is received.
2. In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected for the sole purpose of administering the ECE Awards.
3. An independent Selection Committee will review applications and determine award winners. The decision of the Selection Committee is final and recipient's names will be kept confidential until the ECE Awards Ceremony.
4. Members of the Selection Committee may not receive awards.