

# CALL FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS!!

Each year, HAAEYC honors individuals who have made contributions to the field of early care and education through our Awards Program. We are now accepting nominations for the awards to be presented in the spring. The categories are:

★ Classroom Teachers of the Year - Criteria for selecting award recipients will include (1) current direct teaching experience with children, (2) involvement in HAAEYC, and (3) other professional community activities. From the nominees for Classroom Teachers of the Year, one person will receive the \$1,000 Elsie Samuels' Scholarship Award, to be used to attend the NAEYC conference and to purchase classroom materials, and become the HAAEYC nominee for statewide recognition. Please use the form on the opposite side of this page to nominate/apply for Classroom Teacher of the Year.

★ Susan B. Hargrave Trainer of the Year – Criteria for selecting the award recipient will include (1) training experience, AEYC involvement, and other community activities.

★ Teacher Educator of the Year - This individual is acknowledged for his/her contribution to the education of teachers. Criteria for selecting the award recipient will include (1) teaching experience, (2) AEYC involvement, and (3) other professional community activities.

★ Administrator of the Year - This individual is acknowledged for his/her ability to be an effective administrator of programs for children. Criteria for selecting the award recipient will include (1) administrative experience, (2) AEYC involvement, and (3) other professional community activities.

★ Advocate of the Year - Criteria for selecting this award recipient will include (1) being a member of groups concerned with children's issues, (2) attending meetings where issues involving young children were discussed and speaking for children, (3) writing on behalf of children, and (4) telephoning or personally contacting persons who are in positions to improve the quality of life for young children.

★ Elected Official of the Year - Criteria for selecting the award recipient will include (1) elected to a local, state, or national level of government, and (2) representation of himself/herself as a leader in the development of significant and recent legislation which benefits young children or their families.

All of the above honorees will be submitted by HAAEYC to the TAEYC Awards Committee for recognition for state-level awards to be presented at the TAEYC annual conference. Nominations pertain to family childcare, as well as center-based childcare and preschool programs.

## HAAEYC AWARDS NOMINATION/APPLICATION

(For Classroom Teacher of the Year, submit the form following this page.)

Name of nominee/applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address of nominee/applicant \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

For the following award (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Susan B. Hargrave Trainer of the Year \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Educator of the Year \_\_\_\_\_ Advocate of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Administrator of the Year \_\_\_\_\_ Elected Official of the Year

I am nominating this person because, or I wish to apply because: (please attach additional paper if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting the nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by January 23 to:

HAAEYC Awards Committee  
5959 West Loop South, Suite 150  
Bellaire, Texas 77401

## HAAEYC Classroom Teachers of the Year and Elsie Samuels Award

Each year HAAEYC and The Samuels Foundation celebrate and validate excellence in professionalism among classroom teachers by presenting awards to three to five Classroom Teachers of the Year and one Elsie Samuels Award recipient.

### **HAAEYC presents to the Classroom Teachers of the Year:**

- ★ A voucher to the HAAEYC Spring Conference.
- ★ A Spring Conference t-shirt.
- ★ Complimentary registration to the HAAEYC Awards and Installation Dinner.

### **The Samuels Foundation presents to the Elsie Samuels Award recipient chosen from the three to five Classroom Teachers of the Year:**

- ★ \$1000 to be spent traveling to the NAEYC conference. The remaining funds may be used for classroom materials.

### **To apply or to be nominated for the Classroom Teachers of the Year and the Elsie Samuels Award, the teacher must:**

1. Be a current member of HAAEYC.
2. Be a lead teacher currently working directly with children in an early childhood (birth - eight years) classroom.
3. Have a minimum of five years experience.
4. Have a minimum of a CDA or a One-Year Certificate.
5. No one currently serving on the Awards Committee is eligible nor is anyone on their staff.

*Please complete the following:*

Are you a lead teacher? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you responsible for lesson plans? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How many years working directly with children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

### *Educational Background*

CDA \_\_\_\_\_ 2-Year Degree in EC or Related Field \_\_\_\_\_ 4-Year Degree in EC or Related Field \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone w/Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Nighttime Phone w/Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

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