



San Diego Association for the Education of Young Children

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Awards and Grants Eligibility and Submission Requirements

All applicants must reside, be employed, or students in San Diego County. Past recipients may apply for any awards they have not received in the previous 2 years.

- ❖ **Early Childhood Educator of the Year Awards \$500**, to honor an individual that embodies the qualification of NAEYC and SDAIEYC's mission and vision for the early childhood profession.

One will be awarded from any of the following categories: Infant/Toddler, Preschool, or TK-3 teacher.

1. **Eligibility:** Employment or volunteer work in a program, or organization, serving children from birth to age 8. Membership in NAEYC/SDAIEYC **not** required *if* a current member is submitting nomination. Award recipients that are non-members will receive membership as part of the award.
2. **Submission Requirements:**
 - a. Two letters of recommendation from early childhood educational professionals. These can be employers, supervisors, colleagues or college instructor. (10 points)
 - i. Letters must describe how the candidate has demonstrated a commitment to ongoing professional development, promoted developmentally appropriate practices, inclusion and is an advocate in the early childhood field.
 - b. Personal essay that describes professional commitment to early childhood education. (10 points)
 - i. The essay must include your mission and vision for the early childhood field, how you promote developmentally appropriate practices and inclusion in your current position and indicate how your practices align with current research.
 - ii. For members that are nominating another individual, a written statement outlining this information may be submitted.
 - c. Professional resume outlining past and present work experience, education, and organizations affiliated with. (5 points)
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- ❖ **Early Childhood Mentor Award \$300**, in Honor of Beryl Campbell, Past President 1949

1. **Eligibility:** Current NAEYC/SDAIEYC membership
2. **Submission Requirements:**
 - a. Two letters of recommendation from employers or other early childhood educational professionals. (10 points)
 - i. Letters must describe how the candidate has mentored other professionals in the early childhood education field and demonstrated a commitment to advancing the profession.
 - b. Personal essay that describes accomplishments and commitment to advancing the early childhood profession. (10 points)
 - i. The essay must include your mission and vision for the early childhood profession, what your mentorship involves, what or who has been instrumental in your decision to be a child development mentor, and what you hope to accomplish in your work.
 - c. Professional resume outlining past and present work experience, education, and organizations affiliated with. (5 points)



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- ❖ **Diversity in Action Materials Grant \$300**, in Honor of Amelie Weinfeld, Past President
 1. **Eligibility:** Current NAEYC/SDAEYC membership; Current Employment as a Teacher, Director or Family Child Care Provider.
 2. **Submission Requirements:**
 - a. Self Assessment and Action Plan. (10 points)
 - i. Complete attached Anti-Defamation League "ASSESSING YOURSELF & YOUR SCHOOL CHECKLIST "
 - ii. Create a plan for growth in 2 or more areas identified in the assessment as areas where growth is needed. Describe how funds will be used to assist the applicant's classroom or program in supporting equity and diversity, and promoting anti-bias, multicultural curriculum practices.
 - b. One letters of support from employers, other early childhood educational professional or parent of child participating in the program. (5 points)
 - i. Letter must describe how they know the candidate and why they support the project.
 - c. Personal statement that describes your commitment to equity and diversity in early childhood education. (10 points)
 - i. The statement must include the following:
 1. Past and present work experience, education, and organizations affiliated with.
 2. Your mission and vision for early childhood, actions you have taken to promote equity and diversity in the early childhood field.
- ❖ **Early Childhood Student Award \$500**, in Honor of Past Presidents Joann Dugger and Dorothy Hewes
 1. **Eligibility:** Undergraduate or graduate students with majors in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or related major such as Child and Family Studies; completion of Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 enrollment of 6+ units in child development/early childhood education; 3.0+ overall GPA; current NAEYC/SDAEYC membership
 2. **Submission:**
 - a. Two letters of recommendation from professors, employers or other early childhood educational professionals. (10 points)
 - i. Please ask references to share what they know about the student's educational and or professional career in the early childhood education field.
 - b. Personal essay that describes your commitment to early childhood education. (10 points)
 - i. The essay must include career goals, what or who has been instrumental in your decision to pursue child development, and what you hope to accomplish in your work.
 - c. Fall 2016 transcript or Spring schedule and transcript upon completion of passing coursework. (5 points)
- ❖ **Membership Award \$75**, Three to be awarded in Honor of Sandy Jenkins, Past President
 1. **Eligibility:** Any professional or student in the early childhood education field. No NAEYC/SDAEYC membership required.
 2. **Submission:**
 - a. Personal essay that describes your commitment to early childhood education. (10 points)
 - i. The essay must include why you would like to be a member of SDAEYC, what you hope to achieve with your membership, and how will you encourage other professionals to become members.
 - b. Professional resume outlining past and present work experience, education, and organizations affiliated with. (5 points)



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2017 SDAEYC Awards and Grants

DEADLINE EXTENDED to April 30, 2017

Submission Checklist

****Please attach this checklist as a cover to ensure to ensure all items are included.**

Full Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

San Diego County college/university currently attending _____

Total # of units enrolled during 2016 or 2017 semester or quarter _____

Awardees will be announced in May and honored at the

Annual Recognition event in May/June 2017

Attach the following documentation to this application for the selected award(s):

____ 1. Early Educator Award \$500

____ Two Letters of Recommendation

____ Personal Essay

____ Professional Resume

____ 2. Early Childhood Mentor Award, in Honor of Beryl Campbell \$300

____ Two Letters of Recommendation

____ Personal Essay

____ Professional Resume

____ 3. Diversity in Action Grant, in Honor of Amelie Weinfeld \$300

____ Self Assessment

____ Action Plan

____ Letter of Recommendation

____ Personal Statement



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____ **4. Student Award, in Honor of Joann Dugger and Dorothy Hewes \$500**

____ **Two letters of recommendation**

____ **Personal Essay**

____ **Fall 2016 College Transcript or Spring 2017 Schedule**

____ **5. SDAEYC Membership Award, in Honor of Sandy Jenkins, \$75 value**

____ **Personal Essay**

____ **Professional Resume**

All application materials must be sent together electronically or by mail. All applications must be received before, on, or postmarked by March 15, 2017 for consideration.

- **Send electronic applications to lisa.alonso@myunion.edu**
- **Mail all required materials to:**

San Diego AEYC

Attn: Lisa Alonso, Awards and Grants

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Please call Lisa Alonso, SDAEYC Awards and Grants Chair, for questions (619) 508-5628.