

# Arkansas Outstanding Early Childhood Professional Nomination Packet



## Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education PROGRAM & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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## **Arkansas Outstanding Early Childhood Professional Award**

Since 1988, the DHS Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCCECE) has accepted nominations for Arkansas Outstanding Early Childhood Professional of the Year. DCCECE looks for individuals who make a significant contribution to the early care and education field in Arkansas. The eligibility and qualification requirements to be nominated for this prestigious award demonstrate the rigorous standards that are now in place for professionals who have chosen to serve in the early childhood profession. Because early childhood professionals pour their time and energy into our children to foster a love of learning while also ensuring each child's health and safety, we want to recognize and honor these outstanding people. Our children deserve the best and because of the fine efforts of these educators throughout the state, they receive the best!

**To be considered for this honor, nominees must meet the following eligibility and qualification requirements:**

- ✓ Meet minimum licensing requirements for childcare staff
- ✓ Employed by an Arkansas licensed provider in good standing
- ✓ Teacher of an early childhood classroom (birth - 4 years) for a minimum of 3 years
- ✓ Planning on remaining in early childhood for 2022-2023
- ✓ Willing to serve as an early childhood ambassador

**The award recipient will have the opportunity to:**

- ✓ Serve as an early childhood ambassador on DCCECE committees
- ✓ Represent early childhood educators in the media, as needed (e.g. Arkansas Children's Week)
- ✓ Be featured through media outlets including DCCECE websites, Better Beginnings Facebook and Twitter accounts, and other social media

**\*\*Nomination packets must be received no later than 5 pm on January 21, 2022.**

**Arkansas**  
**Outstanding Early Childhood Professional**  
**Nomination Form**

**I. NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise:

- Caregiver/Teacher
- Director/Administrator
- Child Care Home

Facility/Program:	License Number:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Current Position (If caregiver or director, ages of children):		
Previous Position/Job:		

**II. EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE (including certificates/credentials/degrees earned)**

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**III. PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

Activity in professional organizations or work on behalf of young children:
Community/Volunteer Activities:
Professional Recognition:

**IV. CONTRIBUTIONS(S) TO THE FIELD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION**

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**V. REFERENCES – List 3 – Nomination will NOT be considered without the following information:**

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**VI. PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION**

Name:	Title:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
Relationship to nominee:	Signature:	

Please return by mail or email no later than January 21, 2022 to:  
DHS Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Attn: Letha Hassen  
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- Nomination Application – Must be signed
- Nominee Questionnaire – Must be signed
- Resume
- Three Reference Letters