



Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children

The Linda Zinke Emerging Leadership Award

The Linda Zinke Emerging Leadership Award will recognize and reward new, emerging leaders in the field of Early Childhood Education in Nebraska. Through the Linda Zinke Emerging Leadership Award we will showcase individual excellence as demonstrated by initiative, the impact of work on the care and education of young children, and/or providing inspiration to others. We will evaluate how the nominee's leadership positively affected children, families, programs, and the early childhood education community. We seek to reinforce the dedication of recipients and provide an incentive for others to follow their lead. The award will be presented at the discretion of the Nebraska AEYC Board of Directors, not more frequently than annually. **Recipients will receive a \$500 award.**

This award recognizes emerging leaders. Therefore, nominees will be working professionals and/or students who:

- Have been practicing in the field five years or less in Nebraska
- Demonstrate leadership abilities by doing exceptional work to strengthen the field of Early Childhood Education
- Are members of NeAEYC

Some ways early childhood education leadership may be demonstrated through practice include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- enhancing his/her own professional growth beyond required standards
- practicing advocacy on behalf of children, staff and parents
- working with community resources to enhance awareness of the importance of ECE
- finding new and effective ways of communicating with public schools
- developing and/or sharing new ideas for practice in ECE settings
- promoting growth and networking in local NeAEYC chapters

Individuals from all sectors - government agencies, nonprofits, corporations, Head Start, or the private sector - are eligible for this award.

The nomination submission will include:

- A short biography about the nominee
- A resume indicating work history with emphasis on Early Childhood Education experiences
- A one-page statement of the nominee's leadership impact. How did this nominee positively affect children, families, programs, the community or related Early Childhood Education areas
- Completed nomination form, including contact information for both the nominee and the nominator
- One letter of support

**Nominations for the Linda Zinke Emerging Leadership Award
will be accepted annually from October 15 - December 31**

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The Linda Zinke Emerging Leadership Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Years Employed in Early Childhood (must be five or fewer): _____

Name of Employer: _____

(If nominee is self-employed, a family child care provider or a student, list that in the space above)

Nominator Information:

Relationship to nominee: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Required Documentation:

- Completed nomination form
- Short biography about the nominee
- Nominee resume
- One page statement of nominee's leadership impact
- One letter of support

For additional information or questions call 402-476-2089 or email tgordon@NebraskaAEYC.org

Please return the nomination form and the required documentation to the address below.

Attn: Tracy Gordon, Executive Director

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