



Exceptional Early Childhood Educator Award

Nomination Criteria

Nominee:

- Must be a current, personal member of MCCA
- Cannot be nominated by anyone they are related to
- Previous recipients of this award and MCCA provincial board members are not eligible for nomination
- Frontline ECE II or III currently employed in an MCCA centre member or nursery school
- Must spend at least 75% of their workday on the floor working directly with children
- Must be classified and working as an ECE II/III
- Must have at least 3 years experience
- Answer and submit the same questions as the nominator answers

An exceptional Early Childhood Educator (ECE II or III) is a patient, kind, and passionate individual who has excellent communication and organizational skills. They are creative, adaptable, and dedicated to fostering a nurturing and enriched environment where they can guide children in their development with empathy and respect for each child and their family.

Nominator:

- Two MCCA members employed in the centre/nursery school
- The centre or nursery school director must sign the nomination form
- One letter of support from a parent user of the facility

Award Recipients will:

- Be presented with a plaque
- Receive 1 complimentary ticket to the conference banquet
- Have name enscribed on a plaque at MCCA
- Will be profiled in the fall issue of *Child Care Bridges* and/or MCCA's website
- Recipient may be profiled on MCCA's social media platforms



Manitoba Child Care Association

Exceptional Early Childhood Educator Award Nomination Form

Name of person nominated: _____ MCCA # _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Prov: MB Postal Code: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Place of Employment: _____ ECE Classification: _____

Number of years classified as an ECE II/II _____ Number of years at current employer: _____

Number of hours on the floor each week: _____ Completed level of ethics training: _____

Each Nomination must be accompanied by the names of two MCCA members who are acquainted with the contribution made by the nominee.

Nominator 1 - Name: _____ MCCA # _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Prov: MB Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone : _____ Email: _____

Place of Employment _____ Work Telephone: _____

Signature of Nominator 1

I hereby agree to as a reference for the nominee

Nominator 2 - Name: _____ MCCA # _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Prov: MB Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone : _____ Email: _____

Place of Employment _____ Work Telephone: _____

Signature of Nominator 2

I hereby agree to as a reference for the nominee

Nominees must agree to be nominated. Therefore they are asked to indicate their agreement by signing below:

I agree to be nominated for the Exceptional Early Childhood Educator Award:

Signature of Nominee

Date

Signature of Director

Date

Please complete the form and return to MCCA by February 22, 2026

To: Selection Committee, Manitoba Child Care Association

2 - 2350 McPhillips Street, Royal Bank Building, Winnipeg, MB R2V 4J6, Fax: 204-589-5613



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On a separate piece of paper please answer the questions below and please number them as indicated below. If they are not numbered then the application will be considered incomplete and returned to be completed. **The nominator and the nominee** need to answer all questions.

Question #1 is related to the new code of ethics and the answers should be bulleted as below and provide as many examples of how the nominee demonstrates the responsibility.

1. Code of Ethics - Responsibilities

- Respond with compassion and kindness
 - Use quality pedagogical practices and a play-based curriculum
 - Foster children's holistic development
 - Build and maintain respectful partnerships with families, colleagues and communities
 - Engage in Truth and Reconciliation principles to strengthen mutual respect and equity
 - Work in ways that honour human dignity and diversity
 - Pursue the knowledge, skill, self-awareness and self-reflection needed to be professionally competent
 - Advocate on behalf of children, families, early childhood education and ourselves
 - Demonstrate integrity in all our interactions and relationships
2. Promotes and supports an inclusive program which includes children with additional support needs, Indigenous and cultural programming.
 3. Demonstrates high standards of professionalism and inspires team spirit, commitment and serves a role model and mentor for colleagues, student and others.
 4. Participates in professional development, including courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, etc. Please list all professional development that was taken in 2025 (only that year).
 5. List any volunteer work the nominee participates in. Indicate which is for MCCA and which is for another organization.
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