Early Childhood Development ASSOCIATION OF PEI

Rookie of the Year Award

How to Apply:

To nominate a current ECCE student for the ECDA Rookie of the Year Award, please complete the ECDA Rookie of the Year Award Nomination Form and ensure you submit a complete nomination package.

Below is a suggested outline for assembling a successful nomination. While this list provides a detailed structure, packages may be adapted to best reflect the nominee's unique contributions and context.

Completed Nomination Form
- Fully filled and signed by two nominators.

Cover Page
- Include the following:
  - Name of the nominee (individual, team, or centre)
  - Title of the award (*ECDA Rookie of the Year Award*)
  - The current year

Cover Letter
- A letter from the nominator that outlines:
  - Their relationship with or experience working with the nominee
  - Why they believe the nominee deserves this recognition

Nominee Biography
- A brief background on the nominee(s), including:
  - Relevant personal, professional, or community involvement explaining their journey into ELCC

Nomination Text
- A detailed write-up that addresses the award criteria in full
- Use strong evidence and concrete examples of the nominee's efforts in their work
  - Include:
    - Demonstrated Leadership examples
    - Examples of going above and beyond regular duties
    - The strongest nominations will clearly connect examples to the award criteria

Photographs and/or Supporting Documentation *(Optional but Encouraged)*
- **May include:**
  - Photos or videos of student engaged in work
  - Testimonials or letters of support from peers, learning managers, practicuum supervisors
  - Activity plans, learning stories, or other documentation created by the student

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A**ward Description:**

The ECDA of PEIs Rookie of the Year award highlights the value of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) students and their potential to shape the future of the sector. This award recognizes a student who has showcased leadership among their peers, acts professionally, advocates for quality and has a deep passion for Early Childhood Education.

This award was established in 2025 to recognize Early Childhood Care and Education Students who exemplify exceptional qualities in their studies, placements, and contribution to the profession. Nominees must be enrolled in an approved post-secondary institution and are working on their credential towards an Early Childhood Intern, Early Childhood Associate, or Early Childhood Educator Certification.

The award recognizes students who are active leaders in raising awareness about the Early Learning and Child Care sector, building strong relationships, and showing dedication to children, families, and the profession.

Nomination Criteria:

- Nominee must be currently enrolled in an Early Childhood Education program (part-time or full-time).
- Nominee must have completed at least one placement
- Demonstrated classroom leadership. Including taking initiative in classroom, practicum, or community settings. Acts as a role model for peers through professionalism and ethical behavior.
- Shows a deep understanding of child development and responsive caregiving.
- Demonstrates creativity in lesson planning, problem-solving, or classroom design.
- Embraces reflective practice and adapts strategies to meet children's unique needs.
- Maintains strong academic performance in ECE coursework.
- Must be nominated by a faculty member, placement supervisor, or ECE professional.
- Student Nominations must be received by 4:00PM on January 8th in order to be considered.
- Nominators must send in a complete application as one file.
- Nominations that are incomplete or do not comply with these guidelines may be disqualified. The ECDA takes no responsibility for incomplete, inaccurate, lost, or late nominations.
- Nominations, including all supporting material, become the property of The ECDA and will not be returned.

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Award Recipient will:

- Be presented with a beautiful keepsake award and gift card
- Receive an ECDA Swag package valued at $150
- Will be profiled in an upcoming issue of the ECDA's monthly Frontline Newsletter
- May be profiled and celebrated on ECDA's social media platforms

Selection Process:

Award recipients are chosen by the ECDA's 2027 Award Selection Committee, composed of representation from ECDA Board Members.

The successful award recipient will be honoured during the ECDA's ECE Week and Awards Celebration, taking place Saturday, February 6th from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

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Nomination Form:

Nominee Name:_____

Program enrolled in:_____

Email:_____ Phone Number:_____

Nominator One Information:

Name:_____ECDA Membership Number:_____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Email:_____

Signature:_____

Nominator Two Information:

Name:_____ECDA Membership Number:_____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Email:_____

Signature:_____