Early Childhood Development Association of PEI

Love of Literacy Award

How to Apply:

Below is a suggested outline for a complete and successful nomination package for the *ECDA Love of Reading Award*. While this outline provides a detailed structure, it should be adapted as needed to best reflect the strengths and unique qualities of each nominee.

Completed Nomination Form

- Fully filled and signed by two nominators.

Cover Page

- Include the following:
  - Name of the award nominee
  - Title of the award (*ECDA Love of Reading Award*)
  - The current year

Cover Letter

- A letter from the nominator outlining:
  - Their personal experience with the nominee
  - Why they are nominating this individual for the award

Nominee Biography

- A brief description of the nominees:
  - Background in the Early Learning and Child Care sector
  - Relevant personal and professional experiences

Nomination Text

- A detailed text explaining why the nominee deserves this award
- Address all relevant award criteria using:
  - Strong evidence
  - Concrete examples
  - Specific activities, accomplishments, or success stories
  - Instances where the nominee has gone above and beyond their professional duties

Photographs and/or Supporting Documentation *(Optional but Encouraged)*

- May include:
  - Photographs showcasing literacy-related activities
  - Letters of support
  - Testimonials from families or colleagues
  - Program plans or learning stories that highlight literacy efforts

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About the Award:
Established in 2025, the *ECDA Love of Reading Award* recognizes the outstanding contributions of certified Early Childhood Educators who demonstrate a deep passion for promoting literacy in young children. This award honors educators who go above and beyond to foster a love of reading, create literacy rich experiences, and actively engaging families in the literacy development of early learners.

Nomination Criteria:

- Describe in detail how this educator promotes a reading-rich environment for children within their learning space.
- Provide a detailed explanation of how this educator embeds literacy throughout the daily routines.
- Explain how this educator engages families in supporting literacy at home, including communication strategies, book lending programs, or participation in literacy-related events
- Describe the ways in which the teacher encourages young children to develop a love for reading.
- Describe how the educator goes above and beyond in their story telling practices
- The Nominee must be certified by the Early Learning and Child Care Board of PEI as an Early Childhood Intern, Early Childhood Associate or Early Childhood Educator
- The nominee must be currently employed within an Early Learning and Child Care facility licensed by the Early Learning and Child Care Board of PEI
- Nominations must be seconded by a current colleague of the nominee or a parent/guardian of a child currently registered in the program lead by the nominee.
- Nominations must be received by 4:00PM on January 8th in order to be considered.
- Nominators must send in a complete application as one document.
- 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

• 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 Information:

I am nominating: ☐ an individual ☐ Co-educators ☐ A centre

Nominee Name/Centre:_____

Email:_____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____ Place of Employment:_____

Certification:_____ Number of Years Working in ELCC:_____

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:_____