



South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children

Early Childhood Education Student Award

SDAIEYC membership NOT required

1. A student studying early childhood education in a South Dakota university, CDA or continuing education program.
 2. Individuals who show exceptional skills in planning and teaching developmentally appropriate lessons and/or are a strong advocate for young children and family issues.
- ***Awardee will receive a one-year entry level membership in recognition***

	1	2	3	Score
Innovation	1. Student takes classroom studies and implements into the Early Childhood setting.	Meets criteria 1 and: 2. Attempts to add some extra ideas, methods, or solutions.	Meets criteria 1 & 2 and: 3. Has a significant positive impact and value on the Early Childhood setting.	
Leadership	1. Student influences and guides people to join a Early Childhood Educational organization, society, or team.	Meets criteria 1 and: 2. They successfully have raised group interest or attendance.	Meets criteria 1 & 2 and: 3. Strives for, and maintains a position within an organization, society, or team.	
Advocates	1. Student is improving the lives of children and families by using their knowledge of DAP by making recommendations and/or creating adjustments based on the needs of each child in their care.	Meets criteria 1 and: 2. Moves beyond the student, and helps support the families by informing of community support, and resources that could improve home life.	Meets criteria 1 & 2 and: 3. Advocates for all children and families by being involved in community and state events that support children and families.	
Relationships	1. Student is making meaningful connections with children in their care as well as families.	Meets criteria 1 and: 2. Strives to build bonds with classmates and co-workers.	Meets criteria 1 & 2 and: 3. Interacts, and works closely with local groups and events within the community.	
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