



## San Diego Association for the Education of Young Children

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### SDAIEYC Awards and Grants Eligibility and Submission Requirements

#### General Awards and Grants

- 🍏 **Early Childhood Educator of the Year Award \$350**, to honor individuals that embody the qualities of NAEYC and SDAIEYC's mission and vision for the early childhood profession.
  - Three will be awarded, one in each of the following categories: (1) Infant and Toddler, (1) Preschool, (1) TK-3.
    1. **Eligibility:** Employment or volunteer work in a program, or organization, serving children from birth to age 8. Membership in NAEYC/SDAIEYC **not** required **if** a current member is submitting nomination. Award recipients that are non-members will receive membership as part of the award.
    2. **Submission Requirements:**
      - a. Two letters of recommendation from early childhood educational professionals. These can be employers, supervisors, colleagues or college instructor. (10 points)
        - i. Letters must describe how the candidate has demonstrated a commitment to ongoing professional development, promoted developmentally appropriate practices, inclusion and is an advocate in the early childhood field.
      - b. Personal essay that describes professional commitment to early childhood education. (10 points)
        - i. The essay must include your mission and vision for the early childhood field, how you promote developmentally appropriate practices and inclusion in your current position and indicate how your practices align with current research.
        - ii. For members that are nominating another individual, a written statement outlining this information may be submitted.
      - c. Professional resume outlining past and present work experience, education, and organizations affiliated with. (5 points)
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- 🍏 **Early Childhood Mentor Award \$300**, in Honor of Beryl Campbell, Past President
  1. **Eligibility:** Current NAEYC/SDAIEYC membership
  2. **Submission Requirements:**
    - a. Two letters of recommendation from employers or other early childhood educational professionals. (10 points)
      - i. Letters must describe how the candidate has mentored other professionals in the early childhood education field and demonstrated a commitment to advancing the profession.
    - b. Personal essay that describes accomplishments and commitment to advancing the early childhood profession. (10 points)
      - i. The essay must include your mission and vision for the early childhood profession, why what your mentorship involves, what or who has been instrumental in your



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decision to be a child development mentor, and what you hope to accomplish in your work.

- c. Professional resume outlining past and present work experience, education, and organizations affiliated with. (5 points)

### 🍏 **Diversity in Action Grant \$300**, in Honor of Amelie Weinfeld, Past President

1. **Eligibility:** Current NAEYC/SDAEYC membership

2. **Submission Requirements:**

- a. Two letters of recommendation from early childhood educational professionals. (10 points)
  - i. Letters must describe how the candidate has demonstrated a commitment to equity and diversity in early childhood, promoted anti-bias, multicultural curriculum practices, and is an advocate for these practices in the early childhood field.
- b. Personal essay that describes your commitment to equity and diversity in early childhood education. (10 points)
  - i. The essay must include your mission and vision for early childhood, actions you have taken to promote equity and diversity in the early childhood field, challenges you have faced and overcome and how you can support others in this very important work.
- c. Professional resume outlining past and present work experience, education, and organizations affiliated with. (5 points)

### 🍏 **Membership Award \$75**, in Honor of Sandy Jenkins, Past President , Three will be awarded

1. **Eligibility:** Any professional or student in the early childhood field. No NAEYC/SDAEYC membership required.

2. **Submission:**

- a. Personal essay that describes your commitment to early childhood education. (10 points)
  - i. The essay must include why you would like to be a member of SDAEYC, what you hope to achieve with your membership, and how will you encourage other professionals to become members.
- b. Professional resume outlining past and present work experience, education, and organizations affiliated with. (5 points)



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### Student Awards and Grants

#### 🍏 **Undergraduate Award \$400**, in Honor of JoeAnn Dugger, Past President

##### 1. Eligibility:

- a. Spring enrollment of at least 6 units of child development or early childhood education accredited college or university
- b. A 3.0 or higher overall GPA.
- c. Current NAEYC/SDAIEYC membership

##### 2. Submission:

- a. Two letters of recommendation from professors, employers or other early childhood educational professionals. (10 points)
  - i. Letters must include the relationship to the candidate, as well as, observations and experiences that demonstrate commitment to the early childhood/child development field.
- b. Personal essay that describes your commitment to early childhood education. (10 points)
  - i. The essay must include career goals, what or who has been instrumental in your decision to pursue child development, and what you hope to accomplish in your work.
- c. Spring 2016 school schedule and college transcript. (5 points)

#### **Graduate Award \$500**, in Honor of Dorothy Hewes, Past President

##### 1. Eligibility:

- a. Spring enrollment of at least 6 units of graduate/doctoral level child development or early childhood education coursework at an accredited college or university.
- b. A 3.3 or higher overall GPA.
- c. Current NAEYC/SDAIEYC membership

##### 2. Submission:

- a. Two letters of recommendation from professors, employers or other early childhood educational professionals. (10 points)
- b. Letters must include the relationship to the candidate, as well as, observations and experiences that demonstrate commitment to the early childhood/child development field. Personal essay that describes your commitment to early childhood education. (10 points)
  - i. The essay must include career goals, what or who has been instrumental in your decision to pursue child development, and what you hope to accomplish in your work.
- c. Spring 2016 school schedule and college transcript. (5 points)