



DEFINITION: A person working with children in an ECD Centre who has been formally or in formally trained to provide ECD services to children from birth to school-going age.

Exclusions: A person who can enter the National Teachers Awards/employed by a school.

ENTRY FORM

SA ECD Awards: Creating a brighter future for our children

Taking into consideration the South African Government's commitment to recognise and support ECD, the South African Early Childhood Development Awards aim to raise awareness of the ECD sector's goal to break the cycle of inherited poverty.

The awards highlight the need for a proper system of early childhood development, one that is integrated in its approach, by considering children's health, nutrition, education, psychosocial and additional environmental factors within the context of their family and their community.

The annual ECD Awards initiative which is the only one of its kind in South Africa, has been taking place since 2003. This has been in partnership with the Departments of Basic Education and Social Development, the South African Congress of Early Childhood Development, UNICEF, Jim Joel Fund, and the media. The ECD awards are aimed at the promotion and recognition of excellence, hard work, dedication and investment in the future of children by individual practitioners, community centres and organisations involved in early childhood development.

The awards are in the following categories:

- Best ECD Practitioner of the Year
- Best ECD Centre of the Year
- Best ECD Trainer of the Year
- Best Publication of the Year
- Best ECD Training and Intervention Programme

The ECD Awards categories promote:

- The improvement of quality of care, protection and development of children
- Skills development of care givers on caring for children and providing them with stimulating environments
- The importance of early childhood development

A former award winner had the following to say "*These awards bring attention to the plight of children and build the nation*"

Enter now!

**Opening date: 1 August 2013 and deadline date for submissions is 30 September 2013.
(no extensions will be granted)**

National awards winners stand the chance to receive monetary awards or scholarships.

ECD AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY: ECD PRACTITIONER

SECTION 1: CONTACT DETAILS (NOMINEE)		
Nominee details:		
Name	Contact number	
ID number	Cellphone	
Centre details:		
Name of Centre	Year established	Number of children
Centre Manager	E-mail address	
Physical address		
Town	Province	
Municipality	Postcode	
Postal address		
Town	Province	
Municipality	Postcode	
Telephone	Fax	Cell

Note: If we require proof of relevant documents, please make sure they are available on request.

SECTION 2: PRACTITIONER-RELATED INFORMATION (ECD TRAINING)
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(a) Which level of training do you have?

Level of training	YES	NO
Level 1		
Level 4		
Level 5		
Any other related qualifications? Please indicate		

(b) Which other training/skills development have you obtained and from which institution, eg First Aid, Red Cross?

Skill	Level	Institution

(c) Describe your work experience in the field of ECD

REGISTRATION

(a) Has the practitioner conditionally registered with at least one of the following recognised bodies?

	YES	NO
South African Council of Educators (SACE)		
South African Council of Social Service Professionals		
Other (list)		

SECTION 3: MANAGEMENT OF ACTIVE LEARNING

(a) How do you track children's attendance on a daily basis?

(b) Describe a typical day in your interaction with young children and families who are part of this programme.

(c) Do you have a weekly plan/theme that outlines specific activities and outcomes? Explain.

(d) Which curriculum do you use?

Describe

(e) Do you have assessment records for each learner? YES NO

Describe the importance of the records

(f) Does each learner have a file of his/her own records? YES NO

(g) Do you display the work of the children? YES NO

Describe the importance of this:

(h) Describe how the furniture and equipment in the classroom are arranged.

SECTION 4: MOTIVATION

In your own words, explain reasons why you should be considered for the Best ECD Practitioner Award (ECD Awards) by answering the following:

(a) Describe your experience and track record in ECD.

(b) Describe the difference you are making in the lives of children.

(c) Describe your involvement and contribution to the community.

SECTION 5: REFERENCES

List two references with their contact details.

Name and organisation	Contact Telephone number

Entry submitted by:

Name	Telephone
Signature	Date

Competition Rules

- The nomination process will open 1 August 2013 and deadline for submissions is 30 September 2013. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Previous winners are not eligible to enter the competition for two years from the time of winning.
- Nomination forms must be filled in correctly and in detail with as much information as possible to assist in the evaluation process.
- Provincial finalists will be invited to attend the Provincial Awards Ceremony and the national training week (September/October 2012)
- A winner in each category will be announced at the National Awards Ceremony.
- Winners will be interviewed and featured in the media.
- The decision of the selection committee and judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- The competition is subject to cancellation by the organisers through a public announcement.

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