



# Nevada Early Childhood Educator OF THE YEAR 2022

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) Office of Early Learning and Development is pleased to launch the second year of our Early Childhood Educator of the Year Award. Early childhood teachers have one of the most important jobs in the world- providing quality education to our state's youngest learners and partnering with their families. Please use [this form](#) to nominate an early childhood teacher you know whose amazing work you'd like to recognize. Once your nomination is received, we will contact this teacher and invite them to apply to be considered for the Early Childhood Educator of the Year Award. Teachers, you are strongly encouraged to nominate yourself and celebrate all the hard work you are doing!

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Lead teachers of infant, toddler, and pre-K students in both general education and special education programs. These early learning programs include, but are not limited to: child care, family child care, Head Start, Early Head Start, private school, charter school, district pre-K (i.e. Nevada Ready! State Pre-K, ECSE, Title I, etc.), itinerant/inclusion model, etc.

Teachers who were previously nominated/applied are eligible to participate again this year.

## TIMELINE

Sunday, May 1: Nominations are due  
Monday, May 2: Nominees will be notified of their nomination and invited to apply for the Early Childhood Educator of the Year Award  
Friday, June 3: Applications due  
Friday, July 1: Semi-finalists will be contacted to sign up for an interview  
Monday, July 11: Interviews will begin  
August 2022: Winners & finalists announced

All nominations should be submitted by Sunday, May 1. Please contact Kaitlin Lewallen at [klewallen@doe.nv.gov](mailto:klewallen@doe.nv.gov) with any questions.

