



## BEST ECD PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR

**DEFINITION:** A person working with children in an ECD Centre who has been formally or informally trained to provide ECD services to children from birth to school-going age. There will be a split in prize between the centre & practitioner. Exclusions: A person who can enter the National Teachers Awards/employed by a school.

### SA ECD AWARDS: CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Considering the South African Government's commitment to recognize 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 poverty. The Awards promote and recognise excellence, hard work, dedication and investment in the future of children by individual practitioners, community centres and organisations involved in early childhood development. The National Development Agency (NDA), an Agency of Department of Social Development contributes towards the eradication of poverty and its causes, is the custodian of the SA ECD Awards.

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, South African Congress of Early Childhood Development, UNICEF, National Development Agency and recently the Department of Health.

### 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 ECD Publication of the Year
- Best ECD Nutrition Programme of the year
- Best ECD Non-Centre Based Programme of the Year
- Best ECD Programme supporting Babies and Young Children with Disabilities

### 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.

### ENTER NOW

Opening Date: 15 August 2016 and the deadline date for submission is 14 October 2016, 14h00.

(No extensions will be granted). National Awards winners stand the chance to receive monetary awards or scholarships.



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# ECD AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY: ECD PRACTITIONER

## SECTION 1

### Applicant details:

Name:	Contact number:
ID number:	Cellphone number:

### Centre details:

Name of Centre:	Year established:	
Number of children enrolled:	Centre Manager:	
Physical address:	E-mail address:	
	Town:	
	Province:	
Municipality :	Post code:	
Postal address :	Town:	
	Municipality:	
	Province:	
	Post code :	
Telephone:	Fax:	Cell:

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

## SECTION 2: MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

(a) Which level of training do you have? (Tick relevant options)

Level 1

Level 4

Level 5

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

Level of training/qualification	
Skill	
Institution	
Year of completion	

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

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## REGISTRATION

(a) Are you registered with the following body?

South African Council of Educators (SACE)

YES

NO

Provide registration/membership number: .....

## NETWORKING

(a) Are you a member of a forum or an organisation in ECD? What is the purpose of the forum or the organisation?  
What are the benefits of belonging to that forum or organisation?

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**SECTION 3: MANAGEMENT OF ACTIVE LEARNING**

(a) Do you have an attendance register for children? YES  NO

(b) What is the importance of an attendance register?

(c) Which curriculum do you use?

Describe:

(d) Do you have a daily programme? What is the importance of a daily programme? Please attach.

(e) How are parents involved in the daily activities of the children?

(f) Do you have a weekly plan/schedule that outlines specific activities and outcomes as per themes? How do you use the weekly plan/schedule?

(g) Do you have children with barriers to learning or children with special needs? YES  NO

How do you accommodate the children in your class and programme?

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

Describe the importance of the records:

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

What is the importance of displaying children's work?

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

What is the purpose of the file?

(k) Describe the layout of your classroom

**SECTION 4: MOTIVATION**

In your own words, explain reasons why you should be considered for the Best ECD Practitioner Award by answering the following (you may attach extra A4 page for motivation section):

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

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

## SECTION 5: REFERENCES

List two references with their contact details.

Name and organisation	
Contact telephone number	
Relationship	

Name: ..... Contact details (landline, cell and other alternative): .....

Capacity/position: ..... Signature: .....

Date: ..... Email: .....

## COMPETITION RULES

- The nomination process will open 15 August 2016 and deadline for submissions is 14 October 2016, 14h00. No late entries will be accepted.
- Previous winners are not eligible to enter the competition for two years from the year of winning.
- A winner in each category will be announced at the National Awards Ceremony.
- Winners will be interviewed and featured in the media.
- The competition is subject to cancellation by the organisers through a public announcement.

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