The Irv Kaplan Annual Conference Award was created to recognize and honor CAAEYC member Irv Kaplan. “This conference is so important! I don’t understand why more people won’t go,” are the words Irv Kaplan would say each year after attending the informative and motivating CAAEYC Annual Conference & Expo. He would return energized and would bring back “gems” to the ECE center where he taught young children and the many ECE students he taught at the community college level.

The CAAEYC Irv Kaplan Annual Conference Award offers three (3) awards for CAAEYC members to attend the CAAEYC Annual Conference and Expo – Two days (Early Bird Registration & Cash Stipend: $450 value). The goal of sharing the Conference with more people, especially those who may be financially restricted, was Irv’s vision. This Conference Award is funded by the generous donations from Francene Kaplan, PhD (Irv’s sister) and many others.

Eligibility and Process
To be eligible, an applicant must be a current CAAEYC member in good standing. Employment or volunteer work in a program or organization serving children from birth to age 8, or student enrollment in a minimum of six (6) Early Childhood Education or Child Development units is required. An applicant must also possess a commitment to the field of Early Childhood Education or Child Development and a commitment to professional growth development.

Only COMPLETE applications with all supporting documents received by the application deadline will be considered. Applications and supporting materials will be reviewed and evaluated by the CAAEYC Awards and Grants Committee and recommendations will be submitted to the CAAEYC Board of Directors for consideration. All applicants will be notified of their acceptance or declination using contact information provided on the application.

Requirements and Deadline
- A personal statement to the CAAEYC Board of Directors describing your commitment to ECE, your active involvement in ECE, and your desire to attend conference including how it will benefit your professional growth.
- Verification of employment, volunteer work, or student status.
- One (1) letter of recommendation relevant to your work with children ages 0-8 from a direct supervisor or college instructor.
- Copy of current membership card from NAEYC

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE:
Applications must be submitted online by 5:00 pm on February 21, 2020.