



California Association for the Education of Young Children

# Irv Kaplan Annual Conference Scholarship

The Irv Kaplan Annual Conference Award was created to recognize and honor CAAIEYC 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 CAAIEYC 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 CAAIEYC Irv Kaplan Annual Conference Award offers three (3) awards for CAAIEYC members to attend the CAAIEYC 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 CAAIEYC 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 CAAIEYC Awards and Grants Committee and recommendations will be submitted to the CAAIEYC 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 CAAIEYC 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.
- Must be an NAEYC/CAAIEYC member.

### SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE:

Applications must be submitted **online** by 5:00pm on February 7, 2025.

APPLY ONLINE

Name		Email		
Address		City	County	Zip
Work Phone		Personal Phone		
NAEYC Membership Expiration Date		Chapter (Local)		
Degree Held & Major		Degree Desired & Major		
Employer/Volunteer Site/College		Position Title/Role/Specialization Area		
Address		City	County	Zip
Dates of Employment/Service/Attendance		Hours per Week/Units	Months per Year/Semester or Quarter	

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