



California Association for the Education of Young Children

# CAAIEYC Presidents Educational Grant

Originally established by CAAIEYC to honor Docia Zavitkovsky, the Presidents Education Award is a \$1,000 award offered to CAAIEYC members to encourage pursuit of advanced educational degrees and leadership in the profession.

Docia Zavitkovsky, an icon in early childhood education, served as NAEYC President (1984-86) and was the Director of the Santa Monica Children’s Centers. In 2003, she founded Play Matters, an organization dedicated to enhancing the role of play in the lives of young children.

It is the intent of the Presidents Educational Award to provide encouragement to those members who wish to pursue a graduate degree or credential and to provide fiscal support for books, tuition or general costs of advanced education.

## Eligibility and Process

To be eligible, an applicant must be a current CAAIEYC member in good standing with a demonstrated financial need. Current enrollment in an accredited academic degree program in Early Childhood Education or Child Development is required. An applicant must also have a record of service or contribution to AEYC at the Local Chapter or State Affiliate level.

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 & 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.

Award recipients are encouraged to attend the CAAIEYC Annual Membership Meeting for the purpose of public recognition. Educational award recipients are required to submit a short, written article describing the use of funds for inclusion in both the Local Chapter and State Affiliate newsletters or other communications.

## Requirements and Deadline

- A personal statement to the CAAIEYC Board of Directors describing academic goals and progress, including a statement of financial need.
- Proof of current enrollment from the academic institution.
- Must be an NAEYC/CAAIEYC member.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a Board member at the Local Chapter or State Affiliate level indicating the applicant’s contributions to AEYC and one letter from a college instructor.

### 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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