

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

SCAEYC members are invited to apply for the following awards and scholarships. Please follow the individual guidelines carefully. Questions should be addressed to the Executive Director, Judy Gaither, or the Professional Recognitions Chair, Mary Lynne Diggs. All nominations and accompanying letter of recommendation(s) are due by August 15, 2009.

The Marian Wright Edelman Advocacy Award

The Marian Wright Edelman Advocacy Award is designed to honor a person who has made a significant contribution that changes the lives of children in positive ways. Marian Wright Edelman is a native South Carolinian and the director of the Children's Defense Fund. Her advocacy efforts for children are known worldwide. The South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children chose to honor Dr. Edelman by naming an award in her honor. The award is given at the SCAEYC Annual Conference only when the name of a deserving candidate has been submitted to the SCAEYC Governing Board. The persons recommending the candidate must submit two letters of support to the SCAEYC Governing Board before the last board meeting prior to the annual conference. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any candidate by the vote of a quorum of its members.

The Ralph Witherspoon Award

The Ralph Witherspoon Award is designed to honor a person who has made a significant contribution to the field of early childhood education within the state of South Carolina. The late Ralph Witherspoon was a professor of early childhood education at the University of South Carolina who made significant contributions to the field of early childhood education. The South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children chose to honor Dr. Witherspoon by naming an award in his honor. The award is given at the SCAEYC Annual Conference only when the name of a deserving candidate has been submitted to the SCAEYC Governing Board. The person recommending the candidate must submit two (2) letters of support to the SCAEYC Board before the last board meeting prior to the annual conference. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any candidate by the vote of a quorum of its members.

The Ellie Gailbraith Scholarship

The Ellie Gailbraith Scholarship is designed to honor an early childhood educator currently in a classroom as a teacher or teacher assistant and a member of the South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children who would like to attend the SCAEYC Annual Conference. The late Ellie Gailbraith was an early childhood consultant who supported the SCAEYC conference every year from its inception until her death. Ellie worked tirelessly to improve the quality of early childhood education in South Carolina. The South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children chose to honor Ms. Gailbraith by naming a scholarship in her honor. This scholarship

covers the cost of the annual conference including registration fees, hotel at the conference site, and \$50.00 to cover meals and travel. The scholarship is given at the SCAEYC Annual Conference only when the name of a deserving candidate has been submitted to the SCAEYC Governing Board. The persons recommending the candidate must submit two (2) letters of support (one from the supervisor and one from a fellow educator) to the SCAEYC Board before the last board meeting prior to the annual conference. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any candidate by the vote of a quorum of its members.

Please send recommendations to:

Mary Lynne Diggs
SC Head Start Collaboration Office,
SC Department of Social Services
1535 Confederate Avenue, 3rd Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

Or Email to : MLDiggs@dss.state.sc.us

Nominee Ballot

Please mark which award the person is nominated for. Please include letter(s) of recommendation.

- The Marian Wright Edelman Advocacy Award
- The Ralph Witherspoon Award
- The Ellie Gailbraith Scholarship

Please return by August 15, 2009

Nominee: _____

Nominee's Place of Employment: _____

Nominee's outstanding contributions:

Nominated by: _____

Your Contact Information: _____
