



United Way of Adams County
Ready to Learn

Adams County Early Childhood Educator Award

Dear Adams County Early Childhood Educator,

Ready to Learn/United Way of Adams County is pleased to announce the launch of the Adams County Early Childhood Educator Award. This initiative is funded through a grant from the Adams County Bar Association, donation from the Adams County Community Foundation and the United Way of Adams County. We recognize the critical importance of high-quality early childhood care and its' impact on children, families, and the Adams County workforce.

After an application review process, the selection committee will recognize 10 early childhood educators and present each educator with an award of \$250. Award winners and center directors will be notified in early June. Recipients must attend the award and dessert reception on June 24 at 6:30-7:30 in the Adams County Emergency Services Building, Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg. We encourage family members and colleagues to attend. Award funds will be distributed by the employer through regular payroll.

We are proud to support early-learning childhood educators through this new initiative. We thank you for your continued commitment to the children and families of Adams County.

Sincerely,

Diana Fasnacht

Director, Ready to Learn

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Background

The intent of the Adams County Educator Award Program is to provide financial awards to teaching staff who have attained specialized degrees, credentials, and professional development training in content areas that meet the needs of children. We hope to assist in establishing a stable workforce as we work toward higher levels of quality by reducing turnover and improving educational teaching staff.

Program Eligibility

To be eligible for the Adams County Educators Award, the applicant must meet and maintain the requirements at the time of the application and at the time of the award payment. Eligible applicants must:

- *Work in a center that holds a certificate from the Department of Human Services certificate. (PA-DHS certified centers)
- *Work in a program that meets and maintains all Keystone Stars performance standards and STAR level associated with a STAR 2 or higher.
- *Be working directly with children, childcare staff teachers and teaching assistance only- directors are not eligible for the award.
- *Work in an Adams County Childcare facility.
- *Be employed at the center listed on the application on date of the event or the award will be dismissed.

Awards

*Ten individuals will receive an award of \$250. Educator Awards will be presented at a dessert reception on June 24 at 6:30-7:30 at the Adams County Emergency Services Building. Attendance at the ceremony is required to receive the monetary award. Center directors, staff, and family members will be invited to the reception to celebrate early childhood educators in Adams County. Distribution of award funds/money will be a one-time payment by the employer through payroll.

Adams County Educator Award Committee



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Adams County Educator Award Application

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Applicant Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Center Information

Center Name: _____

Center Address: _____

Star Rating: (Must be 2 stars or higher)

2 Stars

3 Stars

4 Stars

Employment Details

Current Position: _____

Longevity at Current Position: _____ (Years/Months)

Weekly Hours: _____ (Must work at least 30 hours per week)

Are you currently working towards a degree or credentials? If yes, please explain.

Preschool Staff Self Evaluation Form

Please rate each area from 1 (Needs Improvement) to 5 (Excellent).

Name _____

Evaluation Area	Rating (1-5)	Comments/Clarification
<p>Classroom Management: Maintain a safe, organized, and positive environment.</p>		
<p>Child Engagement: Engage children in appropriate age activities. Initiate Creativity: Show creativity in planning and implementing activities.</p>		
<p>Communication with Children: Communicate clearly and positively. Communication with Parents: Provide effective updates and feedback.</p>		
<p>Team Collaboration: Work well with other staff members. Demonstrates Professionalism: Model professionalism in behavior and appearance.</p>		

Responses can be typed or handwritten. Use the back of this page if more space is needed. Answer each question with 125 words or less.

What first inspired you to work with young children?

What helps you stay motivated and committed to this profession, even on challenging days?

Center Director: The information provided on page 3 is correct. Yes _____

Director's Signature _____ Director's email _____

As the applicant, I have read the requirements for this award on page 2. Yes _____

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

United Way/Ready to Learn must receive the completed application pages 3, 4 and 5 via US mail or email by June 1.

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Contact Diana Fasnacht with questions.