



Early Childhood Learning & Development SECTOR AWARDS



2024 Early Childhood Learning & Development WA Sector Awards Nomination Eligibility

The early years are critical for establishing a child's self-esteem, resilience, healthy growth, and capacity to learn. Professionals working within the Early Education & Care Sector shape the lives of children and support their growth and development in a myriad of ways.

We are pleased to present the 2024 Early Childhood Learning & Development WA Sector Awards. The Awards will showcase the commitment, innovation and exceptional achievements of individuals and services working within our Sector. The Awards recognise the exceptional commitment of educators and organisations in Western Australia to ensuring quality outcomes for children and their families.

The Awards ceremony and cocktail reception will be held on Saturday, 4 May 2024 at the Pan Pacific Perth. The evening will include the awards ceremony, cocktail reception, entertainment and the opportunity to network with other outstanding professionals in the Education & Care Sector.

We look forward to receiving your nomination and welcoming the finalists to Perth in 2024!



Award Prizes

Finalists from each award category will receive:

- An invitation to the exclusive Awards Ceremony
- Complimentary registration to the ECLD Immersion Unplugged: A Professional Learning Experience
- Cash prize to contribute to their professional development.
 - Winners will win \$1,500.00, Second place will win \$500 and Third place will win \$250

Key Dates

Nominations Open	Monday, 4 December 2023
Nominations Close	Thursday 29 February 2024
Judging Process	March 2024
Finalists Notified & Announced	March- April 2024
Awards Ceremony	Saturday, 4 May 2024



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Award Categories

- Outstanding Early Childhood Educator
- Excellence in ECEC Leadership
- Service excellence in Partnerships with Families, Communities and Schools
- Outstanding Commitment to Reconciliation and Cultural Responsiveness
- Excellence in Supporting Child Development
- Excellence in Outdoor Learning
- Excellence in Best practice
- The WA ECEC Recognition Award

General Eligibility for Award Nominations

- An individual can only be nominated for one award category - for example they cannot be nominated for 'Outstanding Educator' and 'Excellence in ECEC Leadership'.
- All nominations must be supported by the nominees' employer who would be willing to submit a reference to the judging panel.
- Supporting documentation must be no more than three (3) A4 pages
- The individual being nominated must be currently employed with an Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) registered Provider or be a current student working towards employment.
- Ensure criteria for your nomination align with the events or accomplishments of the last two years for which you are submitting the nomination.
- Finalists must be able to attend the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 4 May 2024.

Submitting a nomination for an award

All nominations must be submitted electronically via the awards nomination form on the website or to eclid@childaustralia.org.au

1. Review the eligibility criteria for the selected award and ensure you are nominating for the correct category.
2. Read and agree to the conditions of entry on the nomination application.
3. Address the selection criteria.
4. Gather relevant information to support the nomination and build your application.

Evidence

- You may attach up to three (3) A4 pages of evidence supporting your nomination
 - Supporting text from families, colleagues and children can be used as evidence to support your nomination.
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Conditions of Nomination

By submitting a nomination for the Early Childhood Learning & Development Sector (ECLD) Awards you agree:

- Nominations will be submitted by the close off date.
 - The nominee meets the relevant eligibility criteria for the award.
 - The nominee will be interviewed by a judging panel and references will be contacted to support the nomination.
 - References will be provided upon request of the judging committee.
 - All content within the nomination are true.
 - The nominee must be permanent residents or citizens of Australia and reside within Western Australia.
 - Services that are nominated must be located within Western Australia.
 - Any decision relating to the award process is final and the Awards Committee or Judging Panel will not enter into discussing regarding the evaluation process or selection of finalists.
 - Failure to adhere to the relevant laws governing the Early Childhood Development Sector or removal of any qualifications or registrations will result in instant disqualification with not further discussion entered into.
 - The nominee will participate in promotion of future awards which includes but is not limited to; testimonials, presentations regarding their award, media releases.
 - The nominee will be photographed and/or filmed while participating in the Awards Ceremony and these images will be used in subsequent promotion.
 - Information surrounding the application and images or quotes will be used in promotion of the Awards including but not limited to; printed publications, newsletters, posters, websites, social media and media releases.
 - Finalists will be requested to attend the awards ceremony - financial support to subsidise travel and accommodation costs will be provided to finalists living outside of the Perth Metropolitan and Peel regions.
 - All submitted nomination forms are the property of the ECLD Awards Committee.
 - The Judging Panel reserves the right to withhold an award should there be no nominations that meet the criteria
 - The ECLD Awards Committee reserve the right to wholly or partially revoke or alter these conditions at any time.
 - Failure to comply with the conditions of nomination may result in the application not being accepted.
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Privacy

Only the ECLD Awards Committee and members of the Judging Panel will have access to a nominee's information and nomination form. Personal information will not be disclosed to any other parties without prior consent from the nominee, unless authorised by law.

All members of the judging panel are required to sign confidentiality and conflict-of-interest statements prior to their appointment.

Judging Process

- All applications will be received electronically to ecl@childaustralia.org.au or via the awards nomination form on the website - no other submissions will be accepted.
 - Each nomination will then be distributed to members of the Judging Panel.
 - All applications will be assessed against the selection criteria to determine the finalists for interview.
 - The Judging Panel will conduct interviews with the finalists for each award to assist in making the final decision.
 - As previously stated, each member of the Judging Panel will sign privacy and conflict-of-interest statements that include a clause in which they agree to only make judgement based on selection criteria and remain ethical in their decision making at all times.
 - No member of the Judging Panel or their service or colleagues, are eligible to nominate for the award they are judging.
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Tips for Preparing a Successful Nomination

- Successful applications stand out from the crowd.
- Be clear and concise in addressing all selection criteria.
- Think big - imagination is your only limitation
- Consider what the nominee has achieved and how it was achieved - what gives them the edge over other nominees and do you have practical examples to support this
- Judges do not know the nominee - your application should convince them that the nominee should be the winner of this award
- Any attached evidence must be referenced in the application and be of high quality
- Show the first draft of your application to someone who will provide honest feedback. Ask someone to check the final draft before submitting it.
- Start today - give yourself enough time to prepare an excellent nomination and do not leave it until the end.
- Submissions close at 5:00pm WST on Thursday, 29 February.

Checklist for Nomination

- The nominee has not submitted an application for more than one award
 - The nominee meets the eligibility criteria for the award
 - All selection criteria has been addressed in the nomination
 - The nominees' employer is in support of this application
 - All mandatory sections have been completed
 - The conditions of nomination and privacy requirements have been read and agreed to
 - Attachment limit is not exceeded
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