



# OCAEYC SPRING GRANTS APPLICATION FORM

**Applications must be postmarked by April 16th, 2010**

Please check all grants for which you are applying:

- Alma Green Award:** \$300 for an OCAEYC member for at least one year who is at least 35 years of age and beginning or returning to serious education at an accredited institution for child development or related courses or for registration fees to seminars of related subject matter.
- Jill Dubin Award:** \$350 for an OCAEYC member for at least two years who is pursuing a career with school-age children. Award must be used at an accredited institution for courses on school-age development or education or for registration fees to seminars on this subject matter.
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- Leonor Wilson Award:** \$400 for an OCAEYC member for at least two years who shows professional promise and contributions to the profession of early childhood education. Award must be used at an accredited institution for child development or related courses or for registration fees to seminars of related subjects.
- Play Matters - Docia Zavitovsky Award** - \$350 for an OCAEYC member who has displayed the essential qualities of the focus of Docia's work: that play is essential to healthy human development. The award will be given to an early education professional who has demonstrated exceptional efforts to place play in heart of children's lives. The award is to be used at an accredited institution for child development or related coursework or for registration fees to seminars of related subject matter or to develop play-based curriculum, present at a conference, provide staff development, or develop research that demonstrates the outcomes of play based curriculum.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Contact (phone or email) \_\_\_\_\_

Years Employed: \_\_\_\_\_ Employed  Full time  Part time

Are you currently enrolled in college?  Yes (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)  No

**Statement: On a separate piece of paper please explain how your actions and goals match the criteria for the grant and demonstrate the following:**

- ✓ A commitment to the field of child development or early childhood education.
- ✓ A commitment to the children and families served by the ECE field.
- ✓ A commitment to professional growth in the area of ECE.

**Applications must also include:**

- ✓ Two (2) letters of recommendation from people who have known the applicant at least one year and who can attest to his/her professionalism and commitment to the ECE field.
- ✓ Proof of membership.

**Mail this completed cover sheet and your statement, letters of recommendation, and your proof of membership to:**

OCAEYC Awards and Grants  
C/O Julie Frumkin, 8880 Foxhollow Dr., Anaheim CA 92808

**Award Recipients will be recognized at the OCAEYC Spring Recognition Event on May 1, 2010.  
Visit our website at [www.ocaeYC.org](http://www.ocaeYC.org)**



## Orange County Association for the Education of Young Children Awards and Grants

### **Early Childhood Grants:**

The following scholarships are dedicated after four individuals who dedicated their professional lives to the field of early care and education. As teachers and advocates, they worked tirelessly for quality child care and were intentional teachers and leaders in Orange County. We are grateful for their leadership and their passion and we are proud to provide the following scholarships to early childhood professionals that dedicate their professional lives as these inspiring women did for all of us.

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### **Early Childhood Awards:**

The following awards recognize outstanding and dedicated early childhood professionals in their specific positions in our field. We are honored to be able to celebrate individuals who are nominated by their own colleagues and peers. There are many categories in which our field can be celebrated.

**Outstanding Director:** Recognizes the Director or Administrator of an early childhood program who demonstrates strong leadership skills, supports staff, families and children and works to develop a connection with the community in which the center serves. Evidence of developmentally appropriate practices modeled and supported within the program served should be reflected in the description of the nominee through letters of support from staff as well as parents.

**Advocate of Children:** Recognizes the contributions of a professional in the field of early childhood education who has made significant contributions to the field, which have had an impact on the needs, rights and well-being of children throughout Orange County.

**Outstanding Preschool Professional:** Recognizes early childhood professionals who work directly with young children. Evidence of developmentally appropriate practices and outstanding service should be reflected in the description of the nominee through letters of support from staff as well as parents. In an effort to recognize the diversity of the field of early childhood, Orange County AEYC encourages applications from full day, half day, school-age, and classrooms serving children with special needs.

**Outstanding Leadership in Early Childhood Education:** Recognizes early childhood professionals who demonstrate leadership in promoting and advancing the field of early childhood education. Evidence of participation should include service toward the field, either in the classroom as a mentor, as a workshop presenter, or as an active member of OCAEYC.

**Outstanding Creative Preschool:** Recognizes early childhood programs, which serve young children and families. Evidence of developmentally appropriate practices and outstanding service should be reflected through letters of support from staff, administrators and families.

**Outstanding Family Care Provider:** Recognizes early childhood professionals who work directly with children in a family care program. Evidence of developmentally appropriate practices and outstanding service should be reflected in the description of the nominee through letters of colleagues as well as parents.

**Outstanding Infant/Toddler Professional:** Recognizes early childhood professionals who work directly with infants and toddlers. Evidence of developmentally appropriate practices and outstanding service to the field, program and families should be reflected through letters of support from staff as well as parents.

**Advocate for the Early Childhood Environment:** Recognizes an early childhood professional who has made significant career contributions, which have had an impact on programs, colleagues, families and the community at large. Evidence of developmentally appropriate practices and outstanding service should be reflected in a description of the nominee through letters of support from colleagues, families or the community at large.

**Evolving Educator in Early Childhood Education:** Recognizes a student who is actively pursuing an education in early childhood education. Evidence of the student's ability to embrace developmentally appropriate practices and apply acquired knowledge of child development in their studies should be reflected in letters of support from professors, mentors or vocational educators.

**Outstanding Professor of Early Childhood Education:** Recognizes a professor in colleges, community colleges, vocational education programs, and other agencies providing training to early childhood students. Persons nominated should embrace a philosophy of developmentally appropriate practice and pass this philosophy on to students through mentoring and other professional activities. Evidence of philosophy and activities should be presented in the description of outstanding service and in letters of support from students and peers.

**Outstanding School Readiness Coordinator:** Recognizes a school readiness coordinator who serves children preparing to enter Kindergarten. Persons nominated should embrace a philosophy of developmentally appropriate practice and pass this philosophy on through school readiness programs, education and support to families, advocacy with district teachers and administrators and training to early childhood professionals in the community.

**Citizen/Community Advocate:** Recognizes outstanding contributions to the community making a difference in the lives of children and families. Nominees in this category may include:

- ❑ Members of the press increasing public awareness of children's rights and needs
- ❑ Public officials on the local, state or national levels who have been sensitive to children's issues and the field of early childhood education
- ❑ Community leaders who act as child advocates
- ❑ Authors from Orange County who have excited the minds of young children or early childhood educators
- ❑ Artists from Orange County who have creatively expressed issues of children or who have helped children discover a fresh way to learn
- ❑ Inventors from Orange County who have created toys or equipment to support exceptionally safe, creative learning opportunities
- ❑ Businesses in Orange County who have supported the field of early childhood education, providing innovative materials which support children's learning

**Tom Hunter Memorial Award:** Recognizes the contributions of an early childhood professional who is passionate and uses music in his/her classroom or program to enhance the development of young children.