



2018 ECE Star Awards

Submit your Nominations Now!!

October 1, 2017

Greetings Pre-K Friends,

The Department of Early Childhood Education is accepting nominations for its inaugural Early Childhood Education (ECE) Star Awards. The ECE Star Awards were created to honor the exemplary examples of dedication, integrity and passion we encounter daily in Pre-K programs across the state. This is our opportunity to acknowledge the heroes changing the lives of Alabama's children daily.

The application period will close on Friday, October 27th, 2017 at 5p.m. The Department of Early Childhood Education will convene an independent group of readers to review each nomination. This group will not be employees of the Department, but instead, carefully selected and respected professionals from all over the State. They volunteer their time to help us ensure the integrity of this process. In addition, the process will include a scoring rubric to ensure the results are objective and transparent.

Please completely answer each question and add as much supporting information as you have available. Upon selection of the recipients, Dawn Owens, the Pre-K Conference coordinator, will contact the nominee and nominator by phone and/or email. You may nominate as many people as you like who fit the criteria for the awards. To help us receive a variety of nominations from all over the State, please share this form with any colleagues you think would be interested in making nominations.

The winners will be honored this January at the luncheon during the 2018 Alabama First Class Pre-K Conference in Mobile, AL. We will honor three deserving recipients in each of the following categories: Rising Star, Shining Star, Shooting Star and Super Star!

Thank you for your consideration,

Tara Skiles

ADECE Professional Development Manager

- **Rising Star**- This award is for a new lead, auxiliary teacher or program director who has been on the job for 5 years or less. This person is passionate about their work and dedicated to the children and community they serve. They are always looking for ways to do more and improve the quality of their work. A heart for families and children is evident in their work.

- **Shining Star**- This award is for a lead, auxiliary teacher or program director with more than 5 years of experience in Early Childhood Education. This person is always willing to step in and do more than what is required without expecting anything in return. They have the heart of a servant, are an example of humility, and lead by example every day.

- **Shooting Star**- This award is for a lead teacher, auxiliary teacher or program director that consistently sets and achieves professional goals for their programs and classrooms. An example of this is someone who has gone back to school, earned a promotion or created a solution for an existing problem in their classroom or community.

- **Super Star**- This award is for anyone who champions the field of Early Childhood Education and First Class Pre-K. Nominees might include, but are not limited to, retired educators, elected officials, advocates and volunteers. These nominees should include those who are advocates of public policy supporting Early Childhood Education.

Please complete the nomination form by clicking on the link below:

<https://form.jotform.us/72674544903159>