



Excellent Educator Award 2020-2021

Call for Nominations

Please join us in celebrating an Excellent Educator in a KC Ready 4s' supported classroom. We encourage past and present families, co-workers, program staff, and others to nominate individuals who portray the qualities of an outstanding, high-quality educator. To ensure we get such nominations, please refer to the criteria outlined by the Excellent Educator Selection Committee:

- Verify that the nominee has at least three (3) years' experience in early childhood education
- Values and exemplifies high-quality practices in the classroom
- Promotes family engagement and relationships that improve learning
- Progressive professional learning
- Supports students' abilities to learn
- Is intentional about bringing diversity and inclusion into the classroom
- If part of a teaching team, demonstrates positive teamwork and relationship building amongst peers
- Classroom management skills
- Has a passion for and is dedicated to early childhood education

Award benefits:

- Recognition and presentation of award during the KC Ready 4s 10th Anniversary Celebration
- Cash award for the winning individual and the pre-k program
- Feature on KC Ready 4s website and newsletter
- Press release to local media

To make a nomination, please submit the following materials to aschwartz@kcready4s.org by April 30, 2020:

- Nomination Form (available on the KC Ready 4s website at www.kcready4s.org or by request at the email below), including a written narrative describing the individual's significant professional contributions/accomplishments
- At least two (2) Letters of Support (may be from parents, professionals or others familiar with the nominee)

Please direct any questions to Ali Schwartz, Director of Community Development at aschwartz@kcready4s.org or 269-716-8665.



Nomination Form

Teacher's Name:	
Program Name:	
Number of Years in the Early Childhood Education field (minimum of 3 years to be considered):	
Your Name:	
Relation (co-worker, parent of a child in the classroom, etc.):	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Would you be willing to be interviewed on camera if your teacher is selected? The short video would be shown at our event prior to the teacher receiving their award.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> YES NO </div>

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible. Responses should be less than four (4) pages total.

1. Why does the nominee deserve to be named this year's Excellent Educator for KC Ready 4s? Please be sure to include how they exemplify high-quality practices in the classroom.

2. In what ways has this nominee gone above and beyond?

3. Describe how the nominee supports students' abilities to learn and is intentional about bringing diversity and inclusion into the classroom.

4. How does this nominee promote family engagement within the classroom?

5. One word you would use to describe this teacher?

In addition to the above criteria, Letters of Support should address the nominees' progressive professional learning, and positive teamwork and relationship building amongst peers.