

KENYON **CHAPTER**

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The Monema Kenyon Award was created to recognize and support a teacher/caregiver who goes the extra mile to provide quality care and early education. The award recipient will receive \$250 toward a project that will directly improve the quality of children's experiences, and an additional \$250 as a personal stipend for the creation, implementation and follow-through of the project. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of three Kenyon Board members who will decide which member and project will receive this award.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for this award, applicants must:

- be current members of Kenyon Chapter NJAEYC
- be employed in a home or center-based early childhood program that is fully compliant with local and state regulations for operating child care programs
- work a minimum of 32 hours per week with the same children, 12 months per year.
- work in a program that is open a minimum of 10 hours per day, 5 days a week, 12 months per year (for profit, not-for-profit or religiously-affiliated child care are eligible)
- work directly with infant, toddler and/or preschool age children
- submit a completed application, postmarked by **January 31, 2009**; applications postmarked after that date will not be considered

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Only individuals may apply for this award; co-teachers or teaching teams are not eligible to share this award (only one recipient per award)
- Only one application per center may be submitted; multi-site agencies may submit one application per site
- Capital improvements to centers/homes will not be considered
- By signing the Applicant's Consent Form, the applicant certifies that s/he agrees to the terms set forth in the application and accepts the decision of the judges.
- **Only applications containing all completed forms and requested materials will be accepted.**

AWARD MONEY DISBURSEMENTS

The Monema Kenyon Award will be payable as follows: \$250 will be awarded to fund the approved project on or before February 28, 2009 and an additional \$250 (the personal stipend) will be awarded upon completion of the project and submission of a final report.

Completed applications are to be sent to: **Monema Kenyon Award**
234 Wellington Place
Edison, NJ 08817

Further information can be obtained from Joan Buzick (201) 396-0200.



Part I Applicant Information

Monema Kenyon Award

Applicant's Name _____

Home Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Home Address _____

Program Director _____

Program Name _____

Hours of operation _____ Months program is open _____

Program Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Program Telephone _____ Fax _____

of children in your care _____ ages of children in your care _____

of years employed at this program _____ # of years in the field _____

Please check one: Child Care Center Family Child Care Home

Education--check highest level completed:

HS Diploma

CDA

Associate's Degree ♦ Major or concentration _____

Bachelor's Degree ♦ Major or concentration _____

Master's Degree ♦ Major or concentration _____

List any professional organizations to which you belong _____



Part IV Letters of Support

Monema Kenyon Award

(Photocopy this page as needed for completion by program director, lead teacher and parents.)

Center employees must submit one letter from the program director **and** one from a current parent of a child in your care. Applicants working as assistant teachers must also include an additional letter from the lead teacher.

Family providers must submit two letters of support from current parents.

Applicant's Name _____

The above named teacher has applied for the Monema Kenyon Award, which was created to support the teacher/caregiver who goes the extra mile to provide quality care and education. Letters of support are an integral part of the selection process. Your input will help us to assess the individual's ability to successfully plan and implement this project.

Please describe how the applicant exemplifies the best in quality child care. You may cite specific examples.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Your position: Center Administrator Lead Teacher Parent of child in care

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Part V Applicant Agreement/Consent Form

Monema Kenyon Award

I, (print name) _____, certify that if selected as the recipient of the

Monema Kenyon Award, I agree to:

- implement the proposed project with the grant monies received by June 30, 2009;
- return any unspent monies to Kenyon Chapter; and,
- prepare a brief report that describes the outcome of my project by July 15, 2009 (including all receipts for project expenditures, photographs of materials purchased and other pertinent information.)

I hereby state that I am the sole author of the answers to the written questions and that all statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby grant the Kenyon Chapter NJAEYC my permission:

- to use this application or any excerpts there from;
- to televise, photograph, film, tape or otherwise record me or my voice; and
- to use my name for the purpose of advertising the Monema Kenyon Award.

I understand that the monies associated with the Monema Kenyon Award will be payable as follows: \$250 will be awarded to fund the approved project and an additional \$250 will be awarded to me (for use at my own discretion) upon completion of the project and submission of the final report.

Applicant Name: _____ (Please Print Clearly)

Signature: _____ Date _____

Part VI Application Checklist

- Kenyon Membership # _____ (may be found on Kenyon or NJAEYC newsletter mailing label)
- Current document demonstrating full compliance with local and state regulations for operating child care programs, i.e. copy of child care center license.
- Letters of support
- Calendar of dates child care center or family home will operate in 2009 year
- Applicant Information, Project Title and Description, Budget
- Applicant Agreement/Consent Form

