

The following awards are presented in recognition of special achievement:

1. **Distinguished Service Award** is given on merit to a professional involved in working for young children. This member should exhibit personal commitment to the profession, have organizational board involvement, be active in community organizations and have made a significant contribution to the lives of young children and their families. This award is an annual award presented at the ECAO Annual Conference.

Previous recipients include Betty Stratton, Girdie Ware, Henry Draper, Wanda Draper, Jo Hoffer, Garnette Fittro, Leone List, Frances Stromberg, Sandra Nicolson, Judy Collins, Ann O'Bar, Judy Franks Doebler, Jacqueline Roach, Jan Shera, Kaye Sears, Nancy vonBargen, Mary Ann McClellan, Linda Passmark, Ruth Ann Ball, Mary Ann Bergman, Susan Tabor and LaDonna Atkins.

Recipient Receives: a plaque, framed certificate or comparable memento

2. **Special Service Award** is presented by recommendation of the board to a person or organization deserving recognition for exceptional work on behalf of young children. Examples: A.B. (Bud) LeCrone, founder and owner of Melody House Publishing Company, Connie Seabourn, artist of "One Voice for Children" print used for fundraiser.

Recipient Receives: framed certificate or poster or other memento

3. **Friend of Young Children Award** is presented to recognize a public figure who has promoted children's issues. The Member at Large Public Policy presents recommendations for board approval at a spring Governing Board meeting for presentation at the Annual Conference.

Recipient Receives: framed certificate or poster or other memento such as a tie

4. **SECA's Helen Harley Award/Marian B. Hamilton Award** – see SECA State Affiliate Handbook

Accreditation Award is determined by a review of the Accreditation Chair. This may take place at varying times throughout the year.

Accreditation Award When funds are available, the Accreditation Scholarship is given to programs that have demonstrated an ability or willingness to meet the standards associated with NAEYC Accreditation. This scholarship is intended to help deserving programs have the opportunity to pursue or maintain Accreditation by receiving financial assistance.

- a. **Award Distribution:** In addition to receiving financial award to help defray the cost of NAEYC Accreditation fees, an Accreditation Specialist will work with the program to answer questions that may arise concerning NAEYC Accreditation. The number of awards provided depends on available funding. Applications are reviewed by the