



APPLICATION (2010-2011)

The Marian and Speros Martel Early Childhood Educator Award

Requirements: **A.** at least five (5) years current experience working directly with children from birth to eight years **and B.** currently practicing in an early childhood education classroom **and C.** an education background that includes: a two or four-year degree (in Early Childhood Education or a related field) or EC-4/ EC-6 or Early Childhood Certification, CDA or CCP certification, **and/or** AMS/AMI Montessori certification

Name: _____

Last *First* *MI*

Home Address: _____

_____ Texas Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ School Phone: _____

Name of Principal/Supervisor: _____

School Name: _____ School District _____

School Address: _____

_____ Texas Zip Code: _____

Email Address (work or home) _____

Age(s)/Grade(s) Currently teaching _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

<i>College/University</i>	<i>Dates attended</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Degree</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE *with young children*

<i>Employer</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Ending Date</i>

Ages of children taught	Years of Experience
<i>Infants</i>	_____
<i>Toddlers/Twos</i>	_____
<i>Pre-K</i>	_____
<i>Kindergartners</i>	_____
<i>First Grade</i>	_____
<i>Second Grade</i>	_____
Total Years Teaching E. C.	_____

Educational Level	
2 yr. degree in _____ (major)	CDA
4 yr. degree in _____ (major)	CDD
Early Childhood Certification/EC4/EC6	
Graduate level _____	
AMS/AMI (Montessori)	

RELATED VOLUNTEER WORK *with young children*

<i>Agency/Organization</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Description of duties</i>

INVOLVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

involved with Early Childhood Education

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Dates</i>

WRITING SAMPLE

We consider your ability to communicate with parents, peers and other professionals to be an important aspect of teaching. On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions. For each question, please limit your answer to ONE page, double-spaced and typewritten.

1. Describe one time in your teaching experience when you adapted and created new strategies for a particular child or worked with parents to assist a child.
2. Describe specific ways you connect your classroom with the community.
3. Discuss your beliefs about teaching and learning.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Include three (3) current letters of recommendation, reflecting your professional work, from:

1. A parent of one of your children
2. An administrator
3. An Early Childhood Colleague

APPLICATION PROCESS

A committee of volunteer advisors will screen applications, select the semifinalists, and decide on the award recipient. Committee members will review initial packets and request portfolios with classroom photos and children's work from selected semifinalists. The final candidates will be observed in their professional setting.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The deadline for initial submission (application, writing samples, letters of recommendation) is **Monday, November 29, 2010 by the close of business**. Packets must be submitted to:

ATTN: Cathy Sprueill
Martel Award Committee
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713-528-6797(Fax)
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