



# Educator/Nanny of the Year Award 2017

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# Educator/Nanny of the Year Award 2017

The Educator/Nanny of the Year Award is presented to an outstanding educator or nanny who consistently provides a high standard of professional practice in delivering home based early childhood education.

**Nominees must be current members of the New Zealand Home Based Early Childhood Education Association and working as an educator or nanny with a Ministry of Education licensed home based early childhood education provider.**

Both the award winner and runner-up will receive cash prizes from Rothbury Insurance Brokers. The winner prize is \$1,000 and the runner-up prize is \$250. This will be presented at the NZ Home Based ECE Association Conference in Wellington on Saturday 23rd September 2017.

**Educator/Nanny of the Year candidates are nominated by their service provider. Nominations will need to include:**

- **An endorsement from the parents of the child/ren in the care of your educator/nanny nominee.** The endorsement should describe why the child/ren's parents think that their nominee is Educator/Nanny of the Year. This may include the nominee's relationship with the parents and their child and how they support them as a family.
- **Examples of how the nominee meets the Educator/Nanny of the Year criteria.** Please address how the nominee meets four criteria points from Category 1 and four criteria points from Category 2. If possible, please also include a learning/profile story from your nominee.

## 1 The educator/nanny maintains professional relationships and values including the following:

- A** Establishing and maintaining effective relationships with clear professional boundaries that promote and ensure the holistic well-being of: themselves; families/whānau; and children.
- B** Working effectively within their service as part of a cooperative team.
- C** Working in partnership with families/whānau.
- D** Demonstrating a commitment to the bicultural partnership in Aotearoa New Zealand through learning about and respecting the language, customs and heritage of Māori children and their families/whānau.
- E** Demonstrating a commitment to learning about and reflecting the language and culture of all families/whānau.
- F** Demonstrating a commitment to their own ongoing professional learning and development through relevant professional development and developing goals for continuous improvement in their practice.

### Process:

Visit [www.hbca.org.nz](http://www.hbca.org.nz) to download a nomination form. Nominations are to be in a word document with supporting endorsement/documents attached. Do not include service provider logos on any part of the nomination application as nominations must be sent to the judges anonymously.

**Nominations must be received by the New Zealand Home Based ECE Association via email to Deirdre at [admin@hbca.org.nz](mailto:admin@hbca.org.nz) before Sunday 13th August 2017.**

## 2 The educator/nanny demonstrates professional knowledge in practice including the following:

- A** Sound knowledge and implementation of Te Whāriki where the principles are clearly reflected in practice.
- B** A collaborative, inclusive and supportive environment that promotes ongoing learning within the home and community.
- C** Practice and promotion of Te Reo Māori and bicultural practices.
- D** Recognition, promotion and provision of equitable practice that reflects cultural diversity.
- F** A curriculum that is assessment-informed and caters for diverse interests, skills, 'funds of knowledge' and learning styles.
- G** Valuing, accessing and using the voices of family/whānau and children within informal and formal assessment.
- H** Using assessment information to set ongoing learning goals with children and family/whānau that challenge and extend their worlds.
- I** Planning for teaching for learning within experiences in the home and community.
- J** Articulating learning to children, families/whānau.
- K** Reflective practice that informs and enhances their role in children's learning.

**The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.**