**KAECE AWARDS**

The Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education (KAECE) will award THREE (3) KAECE Awards annually beginning 2015 calendar year. These three are:

* Provider Award
* Student Award
* Leader/Advocate Award

These awards recognize individuals who exemplify "best practice" initiatives within the early care and education setting throughout the year. Therefore, these individuals have the potential (in case of a student) or have demonstrated exemplary practices.

***Process:***

1. V.P. for Membership will send out "Call for Nominations" for these awards to all KAECE members, Communications Chair will post on KAECE Facebook, and the KAECE Business Manager will post on KAECE website in September.
2. The Nominee will submit the completed application form as attachment by January 15th to the KAECE Awards Chair. E-mail address for the Awards Chair is available on the KAECE website [www.kaece.org]
3. The KAECE Awards Chair will send second page to three members of the KAECE Board.
4. The selected three reviewers will individually score the application then return their scores to the KAECE Awards Chair within TWO (2) weeks.
5. The KAECE Awards Chair will tabulate the scores and inform the KAECE board at the Spring board meeting (in February/March) or the individual with highest score for acknowledgement/approval.
6. After acknowledgment/approval by the KAECE board, the KAECE Awards Chair will contact the winner.
7. The appropriate KAECE Award winners will be announced at the KAECE One-Day Conference or at the KAECE Business Meeting during the Governor's Office of Early Childhood's State Conference. See below:
* The KAECE Provider Award and KAECE Student Award winner will be announced at the KAECE One-Day Conference at respective locations:
	+ Provider Award (begin in Western KY; then Northern KY; then Central KY; then Eastern KY)
	+ Student Award (begin in Central KY; then Eastern KY; then Western KY; then Northern KY)
* The KAECE Leader/Advocate Award winner will be announced at the KAECE Business Meeting during the Governor's Office of Early Childhood's State Conference, *Ready Kids Conference*.