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THE 2011 KOHL MCCORMICK EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM

Name of teacher being nominated: _____

Number of years nominee has been teaching early childhood at the start of the 2010-2011 school year: _____

Nominee must have completed a minimum of **five** full years as an early childhood teacher by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Teacher Information

School or center: _____

School address: _____ Home address: _____

School city, state, zip: _____ Home city, state, zip: _____

School phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Classroom phone: _____ Home fax: _____

School fax : _____ e-mail address: _____

Nominator Information

Name of nominator: _____ Nominator home phone: _____

Nominator e-mail: _____ Nominator cell phone: _____

Nominator work phone: _____ Nominator fax: _____

Your relationship with teacher: _____

Below check all that currently apply to the teacher you are nominating:

Type of Program

- Preschool For All
- Head Start Program
- Child Care Center
- Preschool
- Family Child Care Home
- Primary (K-3)

Age/Grade Level

- Infants (under 15 mos.)
- Toddlers (15-24 mos.)
- Two-year-olds (24-36 mos.)
- Preschoolers (3-5 years)
- Kindergarten
- First Grade
- Second Grade
- Third Grade

Setting

- Public
- Private
- Religious
- Community Agency
- Special Education

Essay

Please write an essay of between 700 and 800 words that explains how your nominee is an outstanding early childhood educator. Some areas you might consider addressing are your candidate's adherence to the five Kohl McCormick Selection Criteria: Dedication, innovation, leadership, respect for children and families, and commitment to professional growth. This is just one step in a greater selection process; don't feel as though you need to address each of these areas.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidate must:

1. be employed and **working directly** with children birth through age eight a **minimum of 30 hours per week** in a public, private, or parochial school, preschool, childcare center, Head Start program, or licensed family child care home.
2. have completed a minimum of **five** full years as an early childhood teacher by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.
3. work in Cook County, Illinois.
4. sign a certificate of agreement to actively participate in Academy activities if a winner.
5. must be articulate and possess the ability to communicate with major Chicagoland media outlets in order to expand public awareness of the importance of early childhood education and present to Chicagoland educators at Academy-led professional growth workshops

The following individuals are not eligible:

Teaching assistants, resource teachers, speech therapists, librarians, and counselors

Any teacher who is at a school/center of a teacher who was a **winner** last year

Relatives or employees of the Dolores Kohl Education Foundation, the StoryBus, the Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago, and the McCormick Foundation or any of its affiliates

Please submit nomination forms by Friday, September 24, 2010

Nominations should be emailed, mailed, or faxed to:

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