



About the awards

The ChildCareBC Awards of Excellence honour the outstanding achievements of individuals, organizations, school districts and local governments who help B.C. families and communities thrive by providing or supporting the delivery of quality child care. Excellence in the field is demonstrated by how professionals and organizations engage and support children's development through their commitment to improving and enhancing relationships with children, families and community.

Priority for organizational awards will be given to those organizations who are committed to creating an inclusive, affordable and quality child care system for all families in British Columbia.

Award categories

Nominations are being accepted in the following categories:

1. Regional Awards of Excellence

One award per region (North, Interior, Fraser, Vancouver Coastal, Vancouver Island) will recognize child care professionals or teams who work in a child care setting and demonstrate excellence in at least one of the following areas: working collaboratively with others, ensuring inclusion/encouraging diversity, supporting community efforts and continuous improvement.

2. Innovation Awards

This award has two subcategories: One award recognizes a child care professional, team or organization that puts unique and creative ideas into action to benefit a child, children or child care setting. The second award recognizes a child care professional or organization who has set an example of unique and innovative practices in staff retention.

3. Lifetime Achievement Award

One award will recognize a professional who has been a leader in the field for over 20 years by encouraging and guiding others, dedication, collaboration and inspiring creativity and vision.

4. Partnerships Awards

Three awards will recognize one local government, one school district and one business OR community organization (from outside of the child care sector) that demonstrate excellence in partnering with one or more party, including at least one from the early care and learning sector, to ensure the support and/or delivery of services, ensuring inclusion/encouraging diversity, supporting community efforts, and continuous improvement.

5. Child Care Leadership Award

One award will recognize a professional or organization who have shown leadership in the field, their communities, with families or with underserved or vulnerable communities by encouraging and guiding others, dedication, collaboration and inspiring creativity and vision.

6. Emerging Leader Award

One award will recognize a professional with a maximum of three years' experience in the field who has demonstrated leadership through encouraging and guiding others, dedication, collaboration and inspiring creativity and vision.

7. Inclusive Practices Award

One award will recognize a child care professional or team who has shown excellence and leadership in providing inclusive practices for children with support needs, and offers a learning environment or programming that reflects the diversity of the children and families served.

8. The Lenora Pritchard Award of Excellence

One award will recognize an Indigenous individual who is deeply committed and passionate about serving children, families and their community, mentors others and works to promote leadership in a child-care setting.



The selection process

Applications will be reviewed by the Awards Selection Committee, comprised of representatives from organizations dedicated to supporting child development and child care, as well as staff from the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Award recipients will be contacted after the committee has completed the selection process.

Nomination requirements

To be eligible, all nominations must include:

- A completed nomination form (signed by both the nominator and the nominee)
- A 500-word submission describing what the nominee has done (or does) to show leadership, excellence and professionalism in the selected category. Please be as descriptive as possible, photos may be used to support the nomination
- For organizational nominations only, a 300-word submission showing how the nominee demonstrates commitment to creating an inclusive, affordable and high quality child care system for all families in British Columbia
- Two letters of support, one personal (i.e. from a parent or guardian) and one professional (i.e. from a colleague, local CCRR, community organization, etc.), explaining why the nominee should be considered for the award

Other nomination criteria

Award nominees must reside in British Columbia, be a local government or school district enacted under the laws of B.C. or hold a current business license to operate in the province.

Award nominations can be made by individuals/parents/ teams/programs; local governments may self-nominate.

Nominators may not be a member of the Awards Selection Committee.

Award recipients can win one award per year.

By signing the nomination form, each nominee:

- Accepts the nomination
- Consents to the use of their name and nomination material in any awards-related publicity by the Ministry of Education and Child Care and consents to the release of their name and address to government officials
- Consents to participating in any award-related activities, in the event that they are selected as an award recipient
- Authorizes the ECE Registry and Ministry of Health to disclose information about the nominee's regulatory/licensing history to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, including information about their professional conduct that may not generally be available to the public
- Consents to MECC verifying any information supplied on this nomination form

Note: In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is protected from unauthorized use and disclosure. The information requested will be used for the purpose of administering the ChildCareBC Awards of Excellence.



DEADLINE: March 5, 2023 11:59 PM PST

Nominator information

First name:
Last name:
Address:
City/ town:
Postal code:
Telephone (day):
Telephone (evening):
Email address:

I have read the nomination requirements and believe the nominee meets all the nomination criteria.

Nominator's signature:
Date:

Nominee information

Name(s):
Program name:
Mailing address:
City/ town:
Postal code:
Telephone (day):
Telephone (evening):
Email address:

I accept the nomination.

Nominee's signature:
Date:

Award category

EMERGING LEADER

ECL LEADERSHIP

REGIONAL

INNOVATION

INCLUSIVE PRACTICES

Region:

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

LENORA PRITCHARD

PARTNERSHIPS

Org. type:

How to Apply

Please submit completed nomination form and supporting materials by 11:59 PM March 5 by email (preferred) or mail to: CHILDCAREBC AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE Ministry of Education and Child Care Child Care Policy PO Box 9778 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9S5 Email: ChildcareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca

Checklist

HAVE YOU:

- Fully completed the nomination form?
Attached a 500-word submission describing what makes the nominee stand out in their award category?
For organizational nominations, attached a 300-word submission showing commitment to creating an inclusive, affordable, and quality child care system?
Attached two letters of support?

Note: Extra materials will not be accepted as part of the nomination.