



ILLUMINATE PLAY AWARD

2026 Nominee Application Form

Please complete all sections. Additional pages may be attached if more space is needed. Supporting documents should be included as separate attachments with the completed application.

PART 1 | NOMINEE INFORMATION

First name

Last name

Address

City / Community

Province / Postal Code

Phone number

Email

Program / Organization

Current role / title

Years of experience in Early Education or an ELCC
program in Alberta

Alberta ECE certification level

Educational Background

Identify post-secondary education, including certificates, diplomas, degrees, or Alberta teaching credentials.



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PART 2 | DEDICATION TO PLAY ADVOCACY

Play Pedagogy

Describe your approach to early learning and child care. How do your relationships, environments, decisions, and everyday practices reflect your pedagogy?

Professional Beliefs and Values on Play

What does play mean to you? Describe the beliefs and values that guide how you protect and support children's play.



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Professional Learning Journey

Identify your professional learning engagements over the last five years. This may include workshops, conferences, webinars, books, podcasts, blogs, continuing education, mentoring, communities of practice, or other learning experiences. Briefly describe how this learning has influenced your practice.

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Play Advocacy in Action

Summarize how you advocate for children's right to play, including UNCRC Article 31. Provide concrete examples from your practice, leadership, work with families, or broader community.

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Professional Learning & Career Goals

Goals for the next year

Goals for 1-3 years

Goals for 3-5 years

PART 3 | SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

☐ 2-3 letters of support, each signed and dated by the author and identifying their relationship to the nominee

- ☐ Proof of certification: Alberta ECE Certification OR copy of an Early Education / ELCC certificate, diploma, or degree
- ☐ Current nominee resume



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PART 4 | DECLARATION & SUBMISSION

I confirm that the information provided in this nomination package is accurate to the best of my knowledge. The nominee consents to being considered for the Illuminate Play Award and understands that selected nominees must be available for an in-person interview to qualify.

Signature of Nominator

Date

Signature of Nominee

Date

Final Submission Checklist

- ☐ Application form is complete
- ☐ Application is signed and dated by both nominator and nominee
- ☐ 2-3 letters of support are attached
- ☐ Proof of certification / education is attached
- ☐ Nominee resume is attached

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Please email the complete nomination package to info@AECPCN.org by November 1, 2026.

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