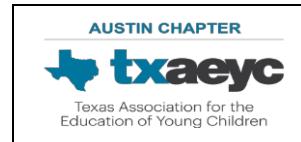


# AUSTIN CHAPTER of TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN 2018 AWARD NOMINATION FORM



**Purpose:** The Austin Chapter of TXAEYC awards were created to honor outstanding professionals in the Austin area who inspire others to focus on young children. We also strive to raise awareness of early childhood professionals who demonstrate the importance of service to children and families.

**History:** Most awards are named for early AAEYC leaders. The first award given was the Sallie Beth Moore Teacher of the Year in 1973, the Mabel Pitts Leadership Award was established in 1985, and the Jeannette Watson award for Public Policy or related advocacy for children followed in 1988. The Madeline Sutherland Award for Service to Children with Special Needs was added in 1991 and the AAEYC Teacher Educator Award was established in 2010 in memory of Amanda R. Hernandez. Outstanding Administrator and Trainer of the Year Awards were also added that year to align with TAEYC Awards. See "Named Awards" attachment to fully appreciate the rich history of AAEYC leaders and their contributions to Austin children.

**Criteria: Awards will be based on criteria including but not limited to**

- Accomplishments that showcase the importance of the Early Childhood professional
- Significant contributions to the Early Childhood profession
- Evidence of modeling best practice working with or for children in the community
- Upholding the ideals of those for whom the award was named
- Varied sources of recommendation letters that demonstrate excellence
- Length and breadth of service to Early Childhood profession and community

Please nominate Austin area candidates who have honorably enriched the lives of children through outstanding service to children, families and / or the community.

**To submit for consideration, each candidate needs a nomination form (below), three or more letters of recommendation that support criteria, and two pictures for a video shown at our conference (1) a headshot, (2) a picture of the nominee "in action".** Though the awards are designed to recognize and celebrate active NAEYC members, nominees need not be a member to be eligible for consideration. Current Austin Chapter board members and officers are eligible ONLY for the Mabel Pitts Leadership Award. **Please read all instructions carefully**, consider the most appropriate award for your nominee and complete, print, and return nominations to the Austin Chapter, **postmarked on or before March 9, 2018**. Mail completed Nomination Form with information about the candidate and letters of recommendation to: **Austin Chapter of TXAEYC, P.O. Box 9014, Austin, TX 78766** or email to [info@aaeyc.org](mailto:info@aaeyc.org).

**To be considered for awards all nominations / packets must be complete and postmarked or emailed by March 9, 2018.**

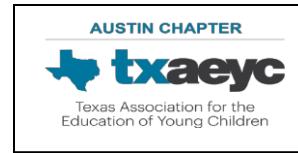
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I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Please print)

for:



Please check only one:

Amanda Hernandez Teacher Educator Award.

(Given for outstanding Teacher Education, Austin Chapter TXAEYC involvement, and other professional contributions.)

Administrator of the Year Award.

(Given for Excellence in Early Childhood Program Leadership in Austin)

Sallie Beth Moore Classroom Teacher of the Year Award (Given to a classroom teacher who is directly involved with young children, has demonstrated outstanding service as a teacher of young children, and Austin Chapter TXAEYC involvement)

Trainer of the Year Award

(Given for outstanding training experiences, Austin Chapter TXAEYC involvement, and other professional involvement)

Mabel Pitts Leadership Award

(Given for outstanding community and/or Austin Chapter TXAEYC leadership and contributions on behalf of young children)

Madeline Sutherland Award

(Given for outstanding service to children with special needs or disabilities, and their families)

Jeannette Watson Advocacy Award

(Awarded to a public policymaker, official, or others who have significantly contributed to the enhancement of the quality of life for young children in the Austin area)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations must include 3-5 Letters of Recommendation, with a description of the reasons that may support selection of this candidate and two pictures for a video shown at our conference (1) a headshot, (2) a picture of the nominee "in action" - Please attach this information to the nomination.

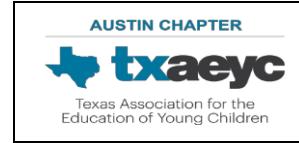
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## Austin Chapter of TXAEYC Named Awards History



### **Sallie Beth Moore ~ Teacher of the Year Award, 1973**

Sallie Beth Moore, Professor Emeritus of Home Economics, UT Austin, earned degrees in Nutrition, Chemistry and Child Development and served on the faculty at UT for over 25 years. Contributions to the profession included many professional memberships, local, state and national board service and leadership, and many publications including journals, textbooks, and grant sponsored professional directories. Professor Moore was director of the UT Austin Laboratory Nursery School and Head of the Division of Child Development and Family Relationships in the Home Economics. Dr. Moore demanded quality performance from students and thus prepared many for leadership positions in the field. Her commitment to the field earned many national, state and local honors.

### **Mabel Pitts ~ Award for Outstanding Leadership, 1985**

Born in Ingleside, Texas, Mabel graduated from Aransas Pass High School and attended Mary Harden-Baylor College in Belton and later received a Master's degree from the University of Michigan and additional graduate work from Merrill Palmer Institute. Following the war, she and her husband moved to Austin where she taught college followed by over twenty years as Laboratory Director and Child Development Specialist for the Austin Independent School District. She capped her career as the Administrator of the Day Care and Child Development department at the State Department of Human Services. She served on many boards in leadership positions and received numerous honors. We are particularly grateful to remember that Mabel was the founder and president of the Austin AEYC.

### **Jeannette Watson ~ Awarded for Public Policy / Advocacy for Children, 1988**

Born prematurely, Jeannette Joyce Blocker Watson was known for a fighting spirit. With a degree from UT, she began her career as a high school teacher at Austin High School. After taking time with her three young children, she found her passion for teaching young children. She opened the Child Development Center in 1956 and provided private kindergarten for 17 years. She was volunteer Executive Director of the Texas Council for Early Childhood Education until appointed by Governor Preston Smith as Director of the newly created Office of Early Childhood Development in 1971. She served on many boards including NAEYC and served as the second President of Austin AEYC. Jeannette was recognized for leadership and advocacy at state, regional and national levels and inspires all who advocate for the needs and rights of young children.

### **Madeline Sutherland ~ Award for Outstanding Contributions for Young Children and Families with Special Needs, 1991**

Madeline Sutherland received degrees from University of North Carolina and UT, Austin. Her first position was with Travis County MHMR to provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities prior to federal laws mandating educational services for children 3-21. Around 1975, the Infant Parent Project was created and Madeline was named as first director. She served on numerous influential boards as a primary advocate for the creation of the state ECI program. Her enthusiastic advocacy for children's causes was positively infectious.

### **Amanda R. Hernandez, B.S., M.S., PhD ~ Teacher Educator Award for Excellence – 2010**

Born in Corpus Christi, to parents who were leaders in the local Head Start program, Amanda showed an early yearning for education. Amanda served as a child care program director, earning NAEYC Accreditation, and returned for a Master's degree which led to teaching at a Community College. While in Corpus, she was the local AEYC affiliate group President. After moving to Austin with her family, she was hired first as a director mentor, then Teacher TRAC Grant Project Coordinator, and faculty member specializing in the Child Development Associate Credential. She also volunteered as a CDA Representative and an NAEYC Accreditation Validator. As president of Austin AEYC, she oversaw the re-affiliation of our chapter, and expanded membership. We recognize and remember Amanda's many contributions to our profession and Association through the Teacher Educator Award for Excellence.