

LIL AND ROY MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP

The Lil and Roy Murphy Scholarship was established in 1994. This \$600.00 scholarship is awarded to an outstanding undergraduate student in Child Development or Early Childhood Education, or a related field. Recipients must have demonstrated scholarship, professionalism, character, purpose, and leadership.

LAECA Undergraduate Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY

Membership in LAECA and SECA or respective student affiliation (SLAECA) for at least six months.

Overall 3.00 grade point average or higher

Major in Child Development or Early Childhood Education

Full-time undergraduate

First time recipient

Scholarship recipients must be present at the conference.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Any undergraduate student meeting the above eligibility criteria must print and complete the application form posted on the LAECA website. One hard copy of the application must be mailed to **EACH** committee member.
- The applicant must obtain a faculty signature that will serve to document full-time undergraduate status.
- The applicant must submit a copy of their most recent transcript to verify their GPA.
- Qualities that will be considered in addition to academic standing are professionalism and leadership involvement which may include but are not limited to: being a member of a SLAECA group, hostess at LAECA conference, work in an early childhood environment, etc.
- In addition, character, purpose, communicative ability, and knowledge of contemporary issues relating to the field of Early Childhood and/or Child Development will be considered.
- Applications will be ranked according to the following scoring criteria:
 - Overall GPA (20 pts)
 - Statement of professional goals and philosophy in relation to meeting the needs of young children (20 pts)
 - Contributions to LAECA on the local, state and/or national level and other service activities related to children and families not listed above (20 pts)
 - Knowledge of contemporary issues related to Early Childhood (20 pts)
 - Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with applicant's work in meeting the needs of young children and professionalism and leadership in the field of early childhood education (20 pts)

Winning applicants agree to submit an article for publication in *Collaborations* on current LAECA journal topics by June 15th after the award is given OR by making a presentation on a topic chosen in collaboration with your early childhood faculty member at the Conference the year after the award is given.

Incomplete applications will be eliminated from consideration.

LIL AND ROY MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applications must be postmarked by October 1 prior to State Conference.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home/Cell Phone _____

Email _____

College/University _____ Major _____

Number of hours earned _____ Expected graduation date _____

Overall GPA _____ (20 pts)

APPLICATION INFORMATION (limit each response to one page):

1. Professionalism: Statement of professional goals and philosophy in relation to meeting the needs of young children (20 pts)
2. Leadership and Character: Contributions to LAECA on the local, state and/or national level and other service activities related to children and families not listed above (20 pts)
3. Knowledge of Contemporary Issues: What do you consider one of the most crucial issues facing the early childhood profession today? (20 pts)

Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with applicant's work in meeting the needs of young children and professionalism in the field of early childhood education (20 pts)

Student signature _____

Faculty signature _____

Faculty address and phone number _____

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

1. Mary Louise Jones, 5813 Georgetown Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808
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