**2026 VOICE for Children Award Nomination Form**

Please complete the nomination form and email to:

Rose Snyder, Senior Director of Education and Operations [rsnyder@pennaeyc.org](mailto:-rsnyder@pennaeyc.org)

using “2026 VOICE Nomination” in the subject line

by **November 15, 2025**

***Nominee Eligibility Criteria***

Nominees must meet the following:

1. Display dispositions of a model early childhood advocate or student advocate including (but not exclusive to) serving as an expert witness, providing public testimony, appearing in media, serving on a board in a public policy capacity, receiving distinctive honors or awards for previous advocacy work, leading advocacy campaigns or actions, working with leaders or elected officials, and/or recognized as an early childhood advocate or leader in their community.

2. Be a current member of PennAEYC.

***Nominator Guidelines***

Nominators must:

1. Submit completed nomination forms by the deadline. Include specific documentation (such as links to newspaper articles, titles, awards/honors) to substantiate a nominee’s advocacy efforts.

2. Limit the description of the nominee's outstanding advocacy to a 500-word maximum.

3. Include a biography of the nominee, if available. A biography is not required.

4. Submit additional letters of support and endorsements of the nominee. Encourage your colleagues to complete the nomination form and indicate their endorsement of the nominee.

5. Membership with PennAEYC is not required for the nominator.



***Purpose of the PennAEYC VOICE for Children Award:*** *To honor early care and education professionals, or students who are not paid advocates, that go above and beyond their daily work by being grassroots leaders through advocacy and public policy efforts.*

*Questions can be directed to Rose Snyder, Sr. Director of Education and Operations,* [*rsnyder@pennaeyc.org*](mailto:rsnyder@pennaeyc.org) *or Kimberly Early, Sr. Director of Policy and Advocacy,* [*kearly@pennaeyc.org*](mailto:kearly@pennaeyc.org) *, prior to submitting the nomination form.*

**Part 1: Nominee Information**

| Nomination is for VOICE for Children Award or Student Advocate Award:  *(Indicate type)* |  |
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| Name of Nominee: |  |
| PennAEYC Chapter Association:  *(*[*Chapter*](https://www.pennaeyc.com/about-us/pennaeyc-chapters/) *association is not required)* |  |
| PennAEYC Membership Number, if known:  If unknown, indicate if the nominee is a member.  *(VOICE for Children Award nominees must be current members)* |  |
| County of Residence: |  |
| Home Address, if known:  *Include Street Name, City, State, Zip Code* |  |
| Personal Cell Phone Number: |  |
| Personal Email: |  |
| Employer:  Institution of Higher Education Enrolled:  (*for Student Advocate nominees)* |  |
| Job title or personal/student title:  *(i.e. Program Administrator, Preschool Teacher, Sir, Mr., Miss, Mrs., Dr., none etc.)* |  |
| Employer Address:  *Include Street Name, City, State, Zip Code* |  |



**Part 2: Nominator Information**

| Name of Nominator: |  |
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| PennAEYC [Chapter](https://www.pennaeyc.com/about-us/pennaeyc-chapters/) and/or [PennAEYC Membership](https://www.pennaeyc.com/membership/join-pennaeyc/) Number:  *(Nominator membership is not required)* |  |
| Personal Cell Phone Number: |  |
| Personal Email Address: |  |
| Employer: |  |
| Job Title: |  |
| Work Email Address: |  |
| Work Cell Phone Number: |  |
| Employer Address:  *Include Street Name, City, State, Zip Code* |  |

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**Part 3: Description of Nominee's Outstanding Advocacy** (500-word maximum):

Describe the nominee and the reasons for the nomination for the VOICE for Children or Student Advocate Award. Please provide details of advocacy and public policy efforts such as holding leadership positions, serving as an expert witness, providing public testimony, appearing in media, serving on a board in a public policy capacity, receiving distinctive honors or awards for previous advocacy work, leading advocacy campaigns or actions, working with leaders or elected officials to affect change, and/or recognized as an early childhood leader among their community. You may utilize the space below or a separate page.

**Specific documentation:**

Provide links to newspaper articles, news stories or public hearing. Awards/honors should be provided to substantiate a nominee’s advocacy and public policy efforts. This section does not count toward the word limit. You may utilize the space below or a separate page.

**Biography:**Please provide a current biography for the nominee, if available.This section does not count toward the word limit. You may utilize the space below or a separate page.

