

2012 APPLE BLOSSOM AWARD[®]

Incomplete applications will not be considered

For Your Information

2012 APPLE BLOSSOM AWARD CRITERIA

The Apple Blossom Award celebrates outstanding early childhood practice in the education and care of children, infancy through age five, in Collier County, outside of the public schools. This care and education may take place in licensed child care programs that are privately owned, state subsidized, agency operated, or faith based.

Please consider the following criteria when making a nomination:

The teacher:

1. develops a reciprocal relationship with each child
2. sees strengths in each child
3. fosters excitement about learning through active, interesting programs
4. manages children on the basis of cooperation, reason, and mutual respect
5. engages in give-and-take relationships with other adults including co-teachers, teacher assistants and parents
6. relates effectively to diversity in children and their families
7. creates an environment that enhances each child's ability to learn
8. reflects on his/her own teaching, as evidenced by an openness to new ideas and willingness to learn through trial and error
9. undertakes professional growth by involvement in workshops, organizations, or studies related to early childhood education
10. participates in community experiences designed to enhance the lives of young children
11. sustains a commitment to the early childhood profession and advocates for the best interests of children

Deadline for Nominations: 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 13, 2012

Note: Individual teachers will receive an application form upon receipt of Nomination

MAIL TO:

**Naples Alliance for Children Apple Blossom Award
660 Ninth Street North, Suite 35D, Naples, Florida 34102**

**For Nomination Information and Assistance in Completing the Application Form
Contact NAFC, 649-5260**

Forms are available on our web site, www.napleschild.org.