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**NAPLES ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN**  
**2010 TEACHER OF THE YEAR -- APPLE BLOSSOM AWARD®**  
**NOMINATION FORM**

Please Print or Type and submit by Friday, January 22, 2010

The nominee must have at least a CDA, work full time in a Florida State licensed Collier County Early Childhood Program (Center) and have at least two years early childhood teaching experience, including one complete year in their current center.

*Note: Directors and director-teachers and teachers employed by the Collier County Public Schools are not eligible for this award. Former Apple Blossom Finalists are eligible.*

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Childcare Center or School: \_\_\_\_\_

Center Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Center Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age group \_\_\_\_\_

Center Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Address  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us why you are nominating this person as one of the outstanding early childhood teachers in Collier County. (Use separate sheet if necessary)

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 2:00 pm, Friday, January 22, 2010**

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

## **2008 APPLE BLOSSOM AWARD<sup>®</sup> CRITERIA**

The NAFC Apple Blossom Award<sup>®</sup> 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 centers 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
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

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**For Nomination Information and Forms**

**Please Contact NAFC, 649-5260**

**Forms are available on our web site, [www.napleschild.org](http://www.napleschild.org).**