

SECA AWARDS

The Southern Early Childhood Association has several award programs. These awards are presented annually at the SECA conference and each award has a specific purpose and selection criteria.

Helen B. Harley Memorial Scholarships

Three scholarships are presented each year to individuals from designated states to assist him/her in attending the SECA conference for the first time. The scholarship consists of a stipend (set by the SECA Board of Directors) and complimentary conference registration. The award is rotated among the SECA states on the following schedule. The state affiliate determines the procedure by which the recipient is selected.

Helen B. Harley Award Rotation

Designated States	Year
Arkansas/Florida/Georgia	2007
Kentucky/Louisiana/Mississippi	2008
Oklahoma/South Carolina/Tennessee	2009
Texas/Virginia/West Virginia	2010
Alabama/Arkansas/Florida	2011
Georgia/Kentucky/Louisiana	2012
Mississippi/Oklahoma/South Carolina	2013
Tennessee/Texas/Virginia	2014
West Virginia/Alabama/Arkansas	2015
Florida/Georgia/Kentucky	2016
Louisiana/Mississippi/Oklahoma	2017
South Carolina/Tennessee/Texas	2018
Virginia/West Virginia/Alabama	2019
Arkansas/Florida/Georgia	2020

Rich Scofield Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 2005 by the SECA Board of Directors in memorial to Rich Scofield, a SECA member from Tennessee, who contributed significantly to the Association during his life. Rich was the creator of *School-Age Notes* and focused his attention on the school-age population, particularly before and after school. In his honor, a scholarship is awarded annually to a recipient who works with primary children in before and after school programs. The recipient is selected by a designated state affiliate

and the state affiliate determines how the selection is made. Following is the award rotation:

Rich Scofield Award Rotation

Designated State	Year
Texas	2007
Virginia	2008
West Virginia	2009
Alabama	2010
Arkansas	2011
Florida	2012
Georgia	2013
Kentucky	2014
Louisiana	2015
Mississippi	2016
Oklahoma	2017
South Carolina	2018
Tennessee	2019
Texas	2020

Marian B. Hamilton Memorial Award

Three grants are awarded each year to designated states to strengthen local affiliates/chapters or provide leadership development activities. The award rotates among the states on the following schedule. The state affiliate determines the procedure by which the recipient is selected.

Marian B. Hamilton Award Rotation

Designated State	Year
Texas/Virginia/West Virginia	2007
Alabama/Arkansas/Florida	2008
Georgia/Kentucky/Louisiana	2009
Mississippi/Oklahoma/South Carolina	2010
Tennessee/Texas/Virginia	2011
West Virginia/Alabama/Arkansas	2012
Florida/Georgia/Kentucky	2013
Louisiana/Mississippi/Oklahoma	2014
South Carolina/Tennessee/Texas	2015
Virginia/West Virginia/Alabama	2016
Arkansas/Florida/Georgia	2017
Kentucky/Louisiana/Mississippi	2018
Oklahoma/South Carolina/Tennessee	2019
Texas/Virginia/West Virginia	2020

Division for Development Grants

The Division for Development was created to assist the Association in supporting initiatives that build the Association and support leadership development.

The SECA Board of Directors has chosen to utilize funds from the Division for Development (including the annual Silent Auction at conference) to support leadership development by providing matching grants to assist the attendance of student chapters and groups at the annual SECA conference. SECA will match any funds raised by the student groups to assist with conference attendance. The SECA Board of Directors will set the limits on these grants annually, and the Finance Commission will provide oversight of the grant award process.

Student groups that qualify for the grant will meet the following criteria and be certified as eligible by the SECA affiliate in the state in which they are located.

1. The student group will be formally organized as a student chapter and recognized by the state affiliate or,
2. The student group will be associated with an educational entity (high school, technical institute, college or university) and be recognized by the state affiliate as a legitimate state group.

Friend of Children

This award is given at the annual conference to an individual who is a *nationally* recognized children's advocate. Nominations are submitted by the state affiliates and the SECA Board, and the recipient is selected by vote of the SECA Board at the spring Board meeting. Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Have made a contribution nationally in the field of advocacy that supports children and families.
- Have made a contribution in fostering the professional growth and development of individuals working with young children and their families.

The recipient is not required to be a member of SECA. (Posthumous awards may be awarded at the discretion of the SECA Board of Directors.)

President's Award

This award is presented at the annual conference to a *state* advocate and is selected by the state designated for that year. Recipients should meet the following criteria:

- Have made contributions at the state level in the field of advocacy that supports children and families.
- Have made a contribution in fostering the professional growth and development of individuals working with young children and their families.

The recipient is not required to be a member of SECA.

President’s Award Rotation

Designated State	Year
Kentucky	2007
Louisiana	2008
Mississippi	2009
Oklahoma	2010
South Carolina	2011
Tennessee	2012
Texas	2013
Virginia	2014
West Virginia	2015
Alabama	2016
Arkansas	2017
Florida	2018
Georgia	2019
Kentucky	2020

Outstanding SECA Member

The Outstanding Member is selected each year by the SECA Board of Directors to recognize a SECA member who has contributed significantly to the organization. Nominations are solicited by the SECA office from each state affiliate. The nominations are considered by the SECA Board of Directors at their fall meeting, and the recipient is selected by the Board. Nominations considered at the annual meeting will include all nominations considered for the past three years. Nominees for Outstanding SECA member should meet the following criteria:

- Have a record of service to the organization over a period of several years. This record should include leadership roles within the organization.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the mission of the organization as evidenced through his/her personal and professional experiences.
- Have a record of service at the state affiliate level.

- Be recognized by his/her colleagues as a leader in the field of early childhood education through their service to children and families in the South.
- Be a current member of SECA.

The recipient will be presented with a mint julep cup at the annual conference with the following inscription:

Southern Early Childhood Association
(Year)

Outstanding Member Award
(Award Recipient's Name)