

STUDENT CHAPTER



Michigan Association for the
Education of Young Children

2021-2022

Mentoring * Networking * Professional Development

Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children ([Michigan AEYC](#)) is an Affiliate of the **National Association for the Education of Young Children** (NAEYC). Michigan AEYC recognizes that as a student, professional engagement happens in the classroom, on campus, and in the community. The intent of this chapter is to provide higher education students a platform for mentoring, networking and professional development opportunities while supporting the mission and vision of Michigan AEYC. We are excited to continue with the Student Chapter for a second year. The Student Chapter is the ninth chapter of Michigan AEYC with a members being enrolled in early childhood higher education program.

Who Can be Involved

Any higher education student with an interest in early childhood education or a related field and who is a member of, or becomes a member of, Michigan AEYC/NAEYC. For information on membership see [Membership](#) under [Student Benefits](#) on this form.

How to Join the Student Chapter

Register [here](#) to become a member of the 2021-22 Student Chapter of Michigan AEYC. ***If you were a member last year, be sure to re-register.***

Student Chapter Organization

In alignment with the current Michigan AEYC Chapter leadership team format, the student chapter will have an elected voting representative on the Michigan AEYC Governing Board. They will be referred to as Student Member-at-Large (MAL) of Michigan AEYC. This newly elected Student Member at Large is **Kyle Lewandowski from Delta College**. This is an elected two-year position with the term being voted on in odd years. The current position will be up for election in 2023. As with all Chapter MAL's, additional virtual and in- person meetings will be required.

The Student Chapter will be self-guided with a member of Michigan AEYC acting as an Advisor.

Student Chapter Benefits:

- **NAEYC/Michigan AEYC Membership**

As with all Chapters of Michigan AEYC, NAEYC Membership is required to be part of the Chapter. To join click [HERE](#) to review current membership options.

If you are interested in becoming a member and need financial assistance with the cost of membership please contact Paula Spencer, pspencer@miaeyc.org 800 336 6424 ext. 301.

- **Scholarship Opportunities**

Student Chapter members will be notified of available scholarships.

- **Michigan AEYC Student Member Spotlight**

Each month there will be an opportunity for instructors, employees, and students to recognize early childhood students for their contribution to the ECE field. The nomination form is online and can be found [HERE](#). Michigan AEYC will review all candidates and based on a rubric will select one student each month. Student recipients will receive recognition from Michigan AEYC and be featured on our website. Each recipient will also receive a letter from Michigan AEYC to include in their professional portfolio. Students can also self-nominate.

- **Promotional Items**

Michigan AEYC will provide an opportunity for the group to choose from Michigan AEYC promotional items. Depending on the items a small fee may be charged.

- **Virtual Professional Learning Opportunities (Bi-monthly).**

As a group, the Student Chapter will choose six relevant topics for virtual professional learning opportunities to be scheduled throughout the school year. Michigan AEYC will ensure all events are posted on MiRegistry. These learning opportunities will be free of charge to the student chapter members. Students are urged to complete the topic and mentoring survey [HERE](#).

- **Networking**

Networking plays a significant role in any professional organization. Prior to each of the **Virtual Learning Opportunities** there will be a scheduled 30-minute networking opportunity with other ECE students throughout the state. Students will also be invited to attend Michigan AEYC board meetings and other professional networking opportunities.

- **Volunteering, Advocacy and Mentoring Opportunities**

Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for students to:

- volunteer at Michigan AEYC chapter events and conferences
- participate in the Michigan AEYC annual conference as a Student Ambassador
- be part of the Michigan AEYC Advocacy Committee activities
- participate in a mentor-mentee relationship

- be an active participant of the student led statewide community support project (examples include diaper drive, book drive...)

Remember: all participation in these opportunities can be used on a resume.

- **Michigan AEYC Graduation Stole**

Upon completion of successful participation* in the chapter, students will receive a Michigan AEYC Student Chapter Stole to be worn at graduation symbolizing their hard work and dedication to Michigan AEYC.

Student Commitment

Be an active participant* in the Student Chapter of Michigan AEYC by consistently participating by:

- Attending bi-monthly virtual professional development
- Sharing information with fellow early childhood students on campus.
- Using the statewide platform to share the voice of ECE students
- Participate as Student Ambassadors at Michigan AEYC Conferences
- Participate in the Student Chapter state-wide community support project. (Project to be determine by group at September Meeting.)

***The student chapter will define successful participation based on attendance, involvement and/or participation point system.**

Interested In Joining? Student Checklist

_____ Are you a member of NAEYC? If yes go to next step; if not, click [HERE](#) to join. If financial support for the registration fee is needed contact pspencer@miaeyc.org

_____ Locate your NAEYC Member Number

_____ Fill out Student Chapter of Michigan AEYC Registration Form [HERE](#)

_____ Fill out professional learning topic and mentoring survey [HERE](#)

_____ Mark your calendars! **First Virtual Social Networking and Meeting:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:30 social networking and 7:00 meeting. **Zoom Meeting announcement will be sent out after registration form is complete. You can also click on Michigan AEYC Calendar:**

<https://www.miaeyc.org/calendar/>