



National Association for the  
Education of Young Children

## Early Learning Program

# Quality Assessment and Accreditation Fees

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## INITIAL APPLICATION

### Amount by Enrollment

		0-60	61-120	121-240	241-360	361-480	481-600	601+
Recognition Application Fee	Registered programs may apply for Recognition. Once the fee is submitted, your documentation will undergo review and scoring, and if approved, the program will be awarded 'Recognized' status for a 1-year term. The program must re-apply for recognition if they choose to remain 'Recognized' by NAEYC. Programs can advance to the next tier (Accreditation) at any time.	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Accreditation Application Fee	Recognized programs may apply for Accreditation. Once the fee is submitted, your documentation will undergo review and scoring, and if approved, the program will be awarded 'Accreditation' status for a 5-year term. All accredited programs are required to submit yearly Annual Reports & Fees to maintain their NAEYC Accreditation. Programs that are not approved can reapply at any time.	\$650	\$750	\$900	\$1,025	\$1,200	\$1,375	\$1,550
Accreditation+ Site Visit Fee	Accredited programs may request an Accreditation+ Site Visit to upgrade to Accredited+ status. To receive a site visit and upgrade your Accredited status to Accreditation+ programs must pay an Accreditation+ Site Visit Fee. If the site visit passes, the program's existing Accreditation term will be upgraded to Accredited+ for the remainder of the term.	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,600	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000

## MAINTAINING YOUR PROGRAM STATUS THROUGHOUT YOUR TERM

Accreditation Annual Fee	Accredited programs are required to submit yearly annual reports & fees to maintain their NAEYC Accreditation for the five-year term. The first annual report and fee is due one year after Accreditation is awarded and is due every year after that as long as the program wishes to remain accredited, submits renewal documentation, and meets all Accreditation requirements.	\$650	\$750	\$900	\$1,025	\$1,200	\$1,375	\$1,550
Accreditation+ Annual Fee	Accredited programs are required to submit yearly annual reports & fees to maintain their NAEYC Accreditation+ status for the five-year term. The first annual report and fee is due one year after Accreditation/Accreditation+ is awarded and is due every year after that as long as the program wishes to remain Accredited+, submits renewal documentation, and meets all Accreditation requirements.	\$650	\$750	\$900	\$1,025	\$1,200	\$1,375	\$1,550

## RENEWING FOR A NEW TERM

Recognition Renewal Fee	Recognition term is one year. All recognized programs must reapply and pay the Recognition Renewal Fee in order to remain Recognized.	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Accreditation Renewal Application Fee	For programs wishing to renew into the Accreditation tier, renewal application review is included in the cost of the Annual Fee. Programs must submit renewal documentation, but there is no additional fee required. If renewal documentation is approved, the program must continue to pay the Accreditation Annual Fee every year to remain accredited.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Accreditation+ Renewal Application Fee	For program wishing to renew into the Accreditation+ tier, renewal application review is included in the cost of the Annual Fee. Programs must submit renewal documentation, but there is no additional fee required. If renewal documentation is approved, the program must continue to pay the Accreditation+ Annual Fee every year to remain accredited.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Accreditation+ Site Visit Fee	For programs wishing to renew into the Accredited+ tier AND who have already passed the documentation review, programs must pay the Accreditation+ Site Visit Fee. Once paid, the program will be placed into the queue for a visit. If not paid, the program will be moved to Accredited status.	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,600	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	

## OTHER FEES

<i>Late Fee</i>	Paid any time an annual fee is late.	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175
<i>Verification Visit Fee</i>	Due when NAEYC orders a verification visit to be completed.	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750
<i>Overseas Visit Surcharge</i>	Due any time an Accreditation+ Site Visit fee is due or a Verification Visit Fee is due AND the program is located outside of the US.	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
<i>Extension Fee</i>	To extend the accreditation term, programs must pay the extension fee PLUS the prorated amount of the annual fee for the duration of the extension. For example, a 6-month extension would cost the extension fee plus 6/12 (50%) of an annual fee.	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100