



Georgia CEC Business Award 2011

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the largest international professional organization for special educators, works to improve the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

The Georgia CEC Business Award recognizes a business or corporation that has provided for the employment and enhancement of individuals with exceptionalities in order to promote and support their full participation in the community.

Nominations may be made by individuals, a CEC unit (state/provincial unit, branch, chapter, division, or subdivision), or a business association.

Eligibility Requirements

- Nominees must be a for-profit business or corporation
- Nominees may be a private or public business or corporation of any size
- The efforts of the business or corporation must be consistent with CEC's mission statement as described in the first paragraph
- Businesses whose primary purpose is providing services to individuals with disabilities are not eligible

Rules and Instructions for Nomination

- Nominations may be made by individuals, a CEC unit or chapter, or a business association. Only one nomination will be accepted from each CEC unit.
- The nomination packet is divided into two sections. To facilitate review, the nomination packet should be organized as follows:

Section I. Completed nomination form

Section II. Two to five letters of recommendation documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria

- Provide specific information about the nominee. The more complete and detailed the information, the better. **The nomination packet should extol the business's or corporation's programs that provide opportunities for individuals with exceptionalities rather than the person behind the business's or corporation's effort.**
- **All nomination packets must be submitted electronically.** Forms containing signatures such as the nominator form, letters of recommendation and testimonials, must be scanned and sent electronically. Submit all forms as a packet by email to Sandra Macdonald at Sandra.macdonald@walton.k12.ga.us
- **Nomination packets must be received by December 1, 2010.**



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Section I: Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Georgia CEC uses information on the nomination form for all future correspondence and publicity. Please make sure all information is accurate, legible, and spelled correctly. If possible, please type your responses on the nomination form.

Nomination of (name of business) _____

Contact Person/Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (O) (____) _____ - _____ Fax (____) _____ - _____

Web Site _____ E-mail _____

Rationale for Nomination

Responses to the questions below must be typed and double-spaced in a 12-point font. Please use 8.5" x 11" white paper with one-inch top, left, right, and bottom margins.

1. Please describe the purpose and history of the business or corporation. (500-word maximum)

2. Please describe the efforts of the business or corporation to meet three or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrated a particular accommodation for a person with a disability, including innovative individualized accommodations or more general building-wide accommodations
- Demonstrated an active hiring campaign to encourage the employment of individuals with exceptionalities
- Maintained an ongoing, long-term hiring/accommodation practice for individuals with exceptionalities
- Demonstrated a formal relationship with schools for the sponsorship of work-study sites, a career development program, community-based training experiences, and transitioning opportunities for individuals with exceptionalities
- Sponsored a mentoring program for students with exceptionalities
- Provided a scholarship program for students with exceptionalities
- Sponsored public awareness activities or advertising campaigns that enhance awareness about the needs of individuals with exceptionalities

(You may include additional pages to describe the nominee's work and its benefits.)

For publicity purposes, please attach the following information.

The nominee's local newspaper _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (____) _____ - _____ Fax (____) _____ - _____

E-mail _____

Nominator Information

Business, Association, CEC Unit, Chapter, or Individual Person Submitting Nomination

Title or CEC Officer Position _____

Affiliation or CEC Unit Represented _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers (O) (____) _____ - _____ (H) (____) _____ - _____

Fax (____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Signature of Person Submitting Nomination _____

Section II: Letters of Recommendation

Please attach **two to five letters of recommendation** documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria.

