



Georgia CEC Special Education Teacher of the Year 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 Special Education Teacher of the Year Award recognizes a CEC member (teacher or related service provider) who currently provides direct services to students with exceptionalities. The Special Education Teacher of the Year is an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies the best in special education teaching. His or her work reflects significant educational success for students, continued professional development, and the highest standards of educational quality.

Nominations may be made by a CEC unit or chapter, individual (principal, CEC member, fellow teacher/colleague, student, parent, self), educational organization (school, parent group, etc.), or community group.

Eligibility Requirements

The nominee:

- Must be a CEC member in good standing currently and for at least the previous 3 years (dating from application deadline date)
- Must currently provide direct services to students with exceptionalities
- Must hold professional certification in the area in which her or she provides services
- Must engage in work consistent with CEC's mission statement as described in the first paragraph

Rules and Instructions for Nomination

- Nominees may be nominated by a CEC unit or chapter, individual (principal, CEC member, fellow teacher/colleague, student, parent, self), educational organization

(school, parent group, etc.), or community group. Only one nomination will be accepted from each CEC unit.

- The nomination packet is divided into four sections. To facilitate review, the nomination packet should be organized as follows:

Section I. Completed nomination form

Section II. Résumé or vitae of nominee (3-page maximum)

Section III. Up to three letters of recommendation from colleagues, supervisors, or other professionals documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria

Section IV. Three testimonials from students, parents, or colleagues of the nominee's ability to inspire students

- **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 _____ Member ID # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers (O) (_____) _____ (H) (_____) _____

Cell Phone Number (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Current Job Title/Affiliation _____

Teaching Certification _____

CEC Member for past _____ consecutive years.

Rationale for Nomination

(To be completed by the nominee.)

Exemplary Practices and Achievements of Nominee

1. Describe how your teaching practices or programs result in effective academic/educational instruction and assessment. Include qualitative and quantitative evidence regarding student outcomes. (750-word maximum)
2. Describe how your instructional practices are developmentally appropriate and individualized for your students. Include any collaborative efforts you are involved in. (500-word maximum)
3. Describe how you provide a positive learning environment for all your students. (500-word maximum)
4. What issues arise from cultural and linguistic differences and how do you address them in your instruction? (500-word maximum)
5. Describe how your continuing professional development has benefited your instruction and impacted your students. (500-word maximum)
6. Describe the three most critical issues currently facing the field of education and explain how you are addressing those issues in your classroom. (500-word maximum)

Additional Accomplishments and Honors

1. Presentations made (in-services at school and/or district; state or national conferences).
2. State/provincial and local activities and their benefits to the teacher and/or students and their parents. (500-word maximum)
3. Educational awards or recognition received.

For publicity purposes, please attach the following information.

The nominee's local newspaper _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number () _____ Fax () _____

E-mail _____

Nominator Information

CEC Chapter, Unit, Individual, or Group Submitting Nomination

Title or CEC Officer Position _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers (O) (_____) _____ (H) (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Signature of Nominator _____

Section II: Nominee's Vitae

Please attach the nominee's résumé or vitae (3-page maximum).

Section III: Letters of Recommendation

Please attach **up to three letters of recommendation** from colleagues, supervisors, or other professionals documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria, specifically in the areas of:

- Innovation
- Evidence of student progress
- Collaboration, leadership, or mentoring

Section IV: Testimonials

Please attach three testimonials from students, parents, or colleagues describing the nominee's ability to inspire students.

