

Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children (AR-CEC) and Arkansas Council of Administrators of Special Education (AR-CASE) Grant Incentive Program

Program Grants: Up to \$4,000

Grant application deadline May 15, 2016! Winners will be notified by May 23, 2016. Please submit completed applications electronically to the AR-CEC Awards Committee at arcecawards@gmail.com.

It is the desire of the AR-CEC and AR-CASE to encourage and reward professionals providing direct instruction to children with disabilities by providing monetary support. Professionals wishing to receive incentive money are expected to select an endeavor that directly benefits children with disabilities in increasing academic performance, enhancing social interactions and/or enhancing partnerships between parents and school communities. **A maximum of \$4,000 will be awarded and grant activities must be completed within the academic year.** The award winners will be recognized at the AR-CEC Annual Conference. Award winners will be required to present (poster session, exhibit booth, or other session of choice) at the AR-CEC conference *the year following* receipt of grant.

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1. Name of Applicant
2. School & District and/or Facility
3. Position of the Applicant
4. CEC Member Number (if Member)

Project Outline

5. Statement of Need
6. Goals and Objectives
7. Description
 - A. Materials and Budget
 - B. Activities
 - C. Timeline
 - D. Assessment

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- 1. Statement of need is clear and will enhance the lives of children with disabilities in at least one of the following three areas: increasing the academic performance of children with disabilities, enhancing the social interactions of children with disabilities and/or enhancing the partnerships between families and the school communities.**

- 2. Goals and objectives are clearly related to increasing the academic performance of children with disabilities, enhancing the social interactions of children with disabilities and/or enhancing the partnerships between families and the school communities.**

- 3. The materials/items are student centered and appropriate.**

- 4. The budget justification is clear.**

- 5. The activities are student centered and appropriate.**

- 6. The time line is clearly delineated and can be accomplished in an academic year.**

- 7. The assessment is linked directly to the goals/objectives.**

- 8. Current member of the Council for Exceptional Children.**

The categories will be rated according to the following scale.

1	Low	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
2	Medium	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
3	High	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
4	Exceptional	Extremely strong with no weaknesses

Grant activities may include but are not limited to: innovative teaching strategies, technology for the classroom, curriculums/programs, assessments, extracurricular activities/programs, parent support activities, community outreach.