



**Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children**  
***Advocate Award***  
**Submission Deadline: May 15, 2016**

The Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children (AR-CEC), a professional association for special educators, related service providers and parents, works to improve the educational successes of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

The AR-CEC Advocate Award was established for the purpose of recognizing individuals who have promoted the welfare of persons with disabilities. A parent, civic club member, public official or any member of a community may be nominated for this award. Nominees need not be members of CEC and are not paid to work with persons who have disabilities.

***Award Benefits***

The AR-CEC Advocate Award recipient will:

- Be recognized at an awards ceremony during the AR-CEC Annual Convention
- Be featured on the AR-CEC Facebook Page
- Receive a commemorative plaque to display

***Nominee Eligibility Requirements***

- Must not be paid to work with persons who have disabilities
- Must promote the welfare of persons with disabilities
- The work of the nominee must be consistent with AR-CEC mission statement as described in the first paragraph

***Nominator Information***

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers (O) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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***Nominee Information***

AR-CEC uses information on the nomination form for all future correspondence and publicity. Please make sure all information is accurate, legible, and spelled correctly.

Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers (O) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current Job Title/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

***Nomination Criteria***

Provide a description of individual's efforts in promoting the welfare of persons with disabilities. Descriptions may include examples of how the nominee:

- Advocates for programs for persons with disabilities
- Provides advice and support for persons with disabilities
- Promotes the welfare and acceptance of persons with disabilities
- Promotes practices that result in an enhanced quality of life for persons with disabilities

Provide additional documentation to support the nomination using the nomination criteria as a guide (e.g. supporting letters, resume or vitae, other documentation.) If you need additional information, please email the current Awards Chair.

Please submit packet and application by email to the AR-CEC Awards Committee at [arcecawards@gmail.com](mailto:arcecawards@gmail.com).

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**Scoring Rubric**

**Nomination Criteria**

0-2 points	3-5 points	6-8 points	9-10 points
Strong evidence of 1 criteria or weak evidence of 2 criteria.	Strong evidence of 2 criteria or weak evidence of 3 criteria.	Strong evidence of 3 criteria or weak evidence of 4 criteria.	Strong evidence of 4 criteria.

**Supporting documentation**

1-3 points	1-2 points
Supporting letters (maximum of 3)	Resume or vitae.