



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

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

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

Award Benefits

The AR-CEC Business 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 be a for-profit business or corporation in the state of Arkansas
- May be a private or public business or corporation of any size
- The efforts of the business or corporation being recognized must be consistent with AR-CEC mission statement as described in the first paragraph
- Will be encouraged to submit appropriate eligibility application information to AR-CEC for the CEC Business Award
- Note: Individuals such as exemplary managers or supervisors should be nominated for the Advocate Award

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 (name of business) _____

Contact Person/Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers (O) _____ (H) _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Nomination Criteria

Provide a description of the purpose and history of the business or corporation.

- Describe the efforts of the business or corporation to meet 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

Provide additional documentation to support the nomination (e.g. Two to five letters of recommendation documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the criteria for the award and any other information that extols the business or corporation's program that provides opportunities for individuals with exceptionalities rather than the person behind the business or corporation's effort.). 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.

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Scoring Rubric

Nomination Criteria

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

2-5 points Supporting letters (Minimum of 2, maximum of 5)
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