



Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children
Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year 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 success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

The Arkansas Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year Award recognizes an Arkansas Paraprofessional who currently provides direct services to students with exceptionalities. The Arkansas Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year is an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies the best in special education. His or her work reflects significant educational success for students.

Award Benefits

- The AR-CEC Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year 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 currently provide direct services to students with exceptionalities
- Must meet the “highly qualified” requirements under the state and federal law for paraprofessionals in the area in which the nominee provides services
- 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 _____

Supervising Teacher(s) _____

Nomination Criteria

Provide a description of how the individual demonstrates exemplary instruction of students with disabilities. Descriptions may include examples of:

- How the nominee assists the supervising teacher(s) in the determination of student progress through assessment and data collection
- How the nominee's instructional practices show collaboration with supervising teacher and other instructional team members
- How the nominee provides a positive learning environment by implementing curricular modifications and/or accommodations
- How the nominee provides remediation of academics and social behavior for students

Provide additional documentation to support the nomination (e.g. supporting letters, resume or vitae, paraprofessional certification 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.

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Scoring Rubric

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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/vitae, paraprofessional documentation