



Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children
Special Education Teacher 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 AR-CEC Special Education Teacher of the Year Award recognizes an AR-CEC teacher who is currently certified and provides direct services to students with exceptionalities. The Arkansas CEC 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.

Award Benefits

The AR-CEC Special Education Teacher 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
- Winner may be eligible to be nominated for the National CEC Clarissa Hug National Teacher of the Year Award if they have been a CEC member in good standing currently and for at least 3 years prior to the deadline of this application

Nominee Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a CEC member in good standing currently and for at least one year prior to nomination
- Must currently provide direct services to students with exceptionalities
- Must hold professional certification in the area in which the nominee provides services
- If have been a CEC member in good standing currently and for at least 3 years prior to the deadline of this application winner will be highly encouraged to submit appropriate eligibility application information to AR-CEC for the CEC Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year award
- 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 _____

Member ID # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers (O) _____ (H) _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Current Job Title/Affiliation _____

Employer _____

State Teaching Certification Area/s

AR-CEC Member for past _____ consecutive years.

Nomination Criteria

Provide a description of how the individual demonstrates exemplary direct services to students with exceptionalities. Descriptions may include examples of:

- Teaching practices or programs that have resulted in effective academic/educational instruction and assessment
- Instructional practices that are developmentally appropriate and individualized for his/her students
- How nominee has provided a positive learning environment for all his/her students
- Any issues that have arisen from cultural and linguistic differences and how the nominee has addressed them successfully in his/her instruction

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.

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Scoring Rubric

Nomination Criteria

0-2 points	3-5 points	6-8 points	9-10 points
Strong evidence of 1 criterion 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.