



2021 Frederick J. Weintraub Outstanding CEC Leadership Award Nomination Information

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is a professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the success of children with exceptionalities. CEC accomplishes its mission through advocacy, standards, and professional development.

The Frederick J. Weintraub Outstanding CEC Leadership Award honors a CEC member who has provided leadership to the organization at the local, unit, and national/international levels over an extensive period of time. The nominee's achievements and contributions have resulted in recognition of the Council's commitment, leadership, and dedication to services for children and youth with exceptionalities.

Nominations may only be made by a CEC-affiliated organization (unit, chapter, division, or subdivision).

Award Benefits

The Frederick J. Weintraub Outstanding CEC Leadership Award recipient will:

- Be recognized and receive a commemorative plaque at an awards ceremony during the CEC 2021 Convention & Expo, March 3-6, 2021 in Baltimore, MD.
- Be featured in a press release on CEC's website (www.cec.sped.org)
- Act as an available resource to CEC unit officers

Eligibility Requirements

- Nominee must be a current CEC member at the time of nomination.
- The work of the nominee must be consistent with CEC's mission statement, as stated above.
- Nominees must have provided leadership to CEC in areas including: unit leadership; committee or task force membership; professional development/training; policy and advocacy; governance; and professional standards and accreditation.
- Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Award Selection Considerations

- The CEC Honors Committee has the authority to give only one Frederick J. Weintraub Outstanding CEC Leadership Award or opt not to grant the award in any given year.
- **NOTE:** Individuals nominated for this award but not selected may be included in the pool of nominees the following year, with their permission. If the nominator who originally submitted the nomination intends to resubmit it for a second year, they may do so by sending a letter of intent to the CEC Honors Committee Chair. The previous nomination materials can be reused.

- Only one nomination may be accepted from a given CEC-affiliated organization in a single year. Therefore, if the nominator intends to submit a new nomination for the following year, then a resubmission of the prior year's nomination may be sponsored by another individual or member of that group, and the previous materials still reused.

Required Materials

- The nomination packet is divided into four sections:
 - Nominee Responses to Areas of Award Relevance
 - Vitae/Resumé of Nominee
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Please attach **five letters of recommendation** documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria.
 - Nominee Photo
 - **One high-resolution color headshot photo** of the nominee in JPG or PNG format. The photo must be print quality.

Rules and Instructions for Nomination

- All nomination materials (including letters of recommendation and other nomination materials) must be submitted to CEC Headquarters **by July 15, 2020**.
- **Nominations will be accepted electronically** via our website at www.exceptionalchildren.org/awards.
- Supporting materials may be scanned and included as images or PDF files if necessary. If you are unable to upload them in the electronic submission form, you may send them by email to kevinj@cec.sped.org.
- Please use the file name to clearly label each section and all nomination materials (e.g., "John_Smith_2021_Weintraub_Award.pdf" or "John_Smith_Vitae.doc").
- All materials submitted become the property of CEC and will not be returned.
- Each nominee must be nominated by a CEC-affiliated organization (unit, chapter, division, or subdivision). Only one nomination will be accepted from each CEC-affiliated organization in a given year. The nomination must be signed by the nominating organization president.

For questions, please contact Kevin Jacobs at kevinj@cec.sped.org.