



2021 CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement 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 CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has made continued and sustained contributions to the education of children and youth with exceptionalities.

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

Award Benefits

The CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement 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.
- Receive a \$500 cash award
- Be featured in a press release on the CEC website (cec.sped.org)
- Act as a CEC spokesperson

Eligibility Requirements

- The nominee must have a prominent reputation nationally or internationally in the field of special education and must have made significant, documented contributions to the education of children with exceptionalities in two or more of the following areas: research and scholarship; bridging research and practice; personnel preparation and professional development; effective programs and services (e.g., identification, assessment, instruction); and dynamic leadership.
- The work of the nominee must be consistent with CEC's mission statement, as stated above.
- The nominee does not have to be a CEC member.
- Posthumous nominations are **NOT** accepted.

Award Selection Considerations

- The CEC Honors Committee has the authority to give only one CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin Lifetime Achievement 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 **up to 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_Wallin_Award.doc" or "John_Smith_Vitae.doc").
- All materials submitted become the property of CEC and will not be returned.
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For questions, please contact Kevin Jacobs at kevinj@cec.sped.org.