



2022 Yes I Can Awards Nomination Form

Section A: Nomination Information

Please fill out the following information about the nominee, his/her/their family/guardian contact, his/her/their school, and the nominator.

Nominee's First and Last Name:

This is what will appear on the nominee's certificate of accomplishment and awards materials.

Category of Nomination:

- Academics
- Arts
- School & Community Activities
- Self-Advocacy
- Technology
- Transition (independent living, work, or vocational training)

Nominee's City, State or Province, and Country:

Nominee's Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Prefer to self-describe
- Prefer not to answer

Nominee's Age:

Nominees must be between the ages of 3 and 21 when nominated in the spring of 2021.

Nominee's Birth Date:

Nominee's Exceptionality:

Is a large-print certificate needed?

- Yes
- No

Is a Braille certificate needed?



Yes

No

Nominee's Parent/Guardian's Name(s):

Nominee's Parent/Guardian's Phone Number:

Nominee's Parent/Guardian's Email Address:

Nominee's School:

Nominee's Grade Level:

Nominator's Name:

Nominator's Street Address:

Nominator's Zip Code:

Nominator's Phone Number:

Nominator's Email Address:

How do you know the nominee?

Parent/guardian/family friend

Teacher/education professional

CEC State, Provincial, or Division nominee

This is a self-nomination

Other: _____

How did you hear about the Yes I Can Awards?



Section B: Statement of Recommendation

In 500 words or less, describe why the nominee deserves to receive this award. Include information such as the challenges the student encountered prior to his or her accomplishments, his or her exceptionality/exceptionalities, the type of special education services provided to the nominee, the student's achievements in their category of nomination, the setting in which these accomplishments occurred, and the impact these accomplishments have had on the student or others.

Please note that the responses to the questions below may be used by CEC for the awards and publicity purposes. Therefore, it's important to provide the most accurate information possible.

Section C: Personal Statement Video

Please provide a 1-2 minute (maximum) video FROM THE NOMINEE introducing themselves and showcasing who they are and what they've done. This can be as simple as a 60-second phone video recording of the nominee sharing about themselves and/or their achievements.

Please note:

- Nominations are welcome for students displaying ALL ability levels. The committee is interested in seeing however the student is able to share his or her own abilities and successes.
- While consideration is given to achievements, attention is also given to the student's overcoming of obstacles to reach small and mighty goals.
- Exceptional students often have exceptional support systems. Be mindful to highlight the student's assets to a greater degree than his/her/their support system.

Be creative and engage the student in conversation or manner that will help him/her/them shine. Perhaps a performance video or displaying their collection of artwork. If an interview format would be helpful, here are some suggested prompts:

- Tell us about your proudest achievement.
- What is a typical "day in the life?" Tell us about yourself!
- What do you hope to continue to accomplish in the future?
- How have you made a difference for other children and youth with exceptionalities?

Please note that if there is existing footage or supporting materials that highlight the student's achievements, you may certainly use and/or draw from those. (For example: If you are nominating a student for the Arts category, you could provide an existing video of them singing or some images of their work).

The videos should be uploaded to YouTube or another video-sharing service (i.e., Google Drive, DropBox, etc.) and MUST be made public or shared directly with CEC using the email address websubmit@exceptionalchildren.org so CEC can distribute it to the reviewing committee. If you have any issues with sharing the video, please contact Alex Garvey at agarvey@exceptionalchildren.org.



Resources on Sharing Videos

How to share a video on YouTube:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57741?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

How to share a file/video on Google Drive:

<https://support.google.com/drive/answer/7166529?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

How to share a file/video on DropBox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/help/files-folders/share-file-or-folder>

Link or directions for accessing video:

Upload any supporting materials (OPTIONAL)