



2022 CEC Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Information

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

The CEC Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has made continued and sustained contributions to positive outcomes for 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 Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award recipient will be:

- invited to attend the [CEC 2022 Convention & Expo, January 16-19, in Orlando, FL](#) compliments of CEC (CEC will cover the recipient's registration);
- recognized and receive a commemorative plaque at an awards ceremony during the CEC 2022 Convention & Expo;
- given a \$500 cash honorarium; and
- featured in a press release on the CEC website (<https://exceptionalchildren.org>)

Eligibility Requirements

- The nominee must be a CEC member at the time of nomination **and granting of the award**.
- The work of the nominee must be consistent with CEC's mission statement, as stated above.
- The nominee must have a prominent national or international reputation in the field of special education and must have made significant, documented contributions to positive outcomes for children and youth 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.

Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Award Selection Considerations

- The CEC Honors Committee has the authority to give only one 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 Honors Committee Staff Liaison. The previous nomination materials can be reused.

Required Materials

The nomination packet is divided into three sections:

- Areas of Award Relevance
Please describe the nominee's lifelong professional contributions to the education of children and youth with exceptionalities in at least two but not more than four of the following areas:
Professional Development and/or Publications;
Research;
Development of new concepts, approaches, or programs;
Improved evaluation procedures;
Improved administrative procedures;
Practical application of improved teaching techniques; or
Dynamic leadership.
- Vita/Resumé of Nominee
- Letters of Recommendation
- Please attach **at least three to up to five letters of recommendation** documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria.

Rules and Instructions for Nomination

- All nomination materials must be submitted **by 12:00 pm Eastern, September 8, 2021.**
- The nomination form is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7C266M>
- Supporting materials may be uploaded into the online nomination form as PDF, doc or docx files. If you are unable to upload them, please email them to [Sharon Rodriguez](#).
- Please use the file name to clearly label each section and all nomination materials (e.g., "John_Smith_2021_Lifetime_Achievement_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 [Sharon Rodriguez](#).