



2022 CEC Outstanding Student Chapter Advisor 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 Outstanding Student Chapter Advisor Award honors a college/university CEC Student Chapter Advisor who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to engaging students in their CEC Chapter and guiding their educational, personal, and professional development in the field of special education. This award originally was initiated in 1982 to honor Dr. Susan Phillips Gorin and her contributions as coordinator of CEC student activities from 1975-1982.

Nominations may be made by an individual or CEC-affiliated organization (i.e., Unit, Local or Student Chapter, Division, or Subdivision). Self-nominations are not accepted.

Award Criteria

Demonstrate CEC's core values:

- Visionary Thinking: Demonstrated by forward-thinking and courageous decision-making dedicated to excellence and influence in an evolving environment.
- Integrity: Demonstrated by ethical, responsive behavior; transparency; and accountability.
- Inclusiveness: Demonstrated by a commitment to diversity, caring, and respect for the dignity and worth of all individuals.

The individual receiving the award will be assessed on their contribution to supporting CEC Student Chapters in the following areas:

- Mentoring initiatives in which both the faculty leader and chapter members are offering peer mentoring to retain special education majors.
- Special educator recruitment initiatives to ameliorate shortages.
- Service activities (such as tutoring, social engagement initiatives for students with disabilities, etc.).
- Networking opportunities to enhance employment opportunities.
- Fundraisers to support key issues in the field, including children and youth with exceptionalities and the educators who serve them.

Award Benefits

The CEC Outstanding Student Chapter Advisor Award recipient will be:

- invited to attend the [CEC 2022 Convention & Expo on January 16-19, in Orlando, FL](#), compliments of CEC (CEC will cover the recipient's registration);
- recognized with a commemorative plaque at an Awards Ceremony during CEC 2022 Convention & Expo;
- given a \$500 cash honorarium; and

- featured in a press release on the CEC website (exceptionalchildren.org).

Eligibility Requirements

The CEC Outstanding Student Chapter Advisor Award recipient must:

- be a current CEC member at the time of nomination **and granting of the award and**
- have been a CEC member for at least five years (these years of membership may be non-consecutive).

Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Award Selection Considerations

- The CEC Honors Committee has the authority to give up to three Outstanding Chapter Advisor Awards or opt not to grant the award in any given year.
- **NOTE:** With their permission, individuals nominated for this award but not selected may be included in the pool of nominees the following year. 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:

- Nominee Vita
- Letters of Recommendation
 - **At least two letters of recommendation** from colleagues, supervisors, or other professionals addressing the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria.
 - **At least one letter of recommendation** from a current or recent former student (within the past three years) addressing the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria.
- Testimonials

Up to three testimonials (limit 100 words each) from students (preferred) or colleagues of the nominee's positive impact in any of the award criteria categories.

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/BWNP6VB>
- 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_Chapter_Advisor_Award.doc" or John_Smith_Chapter_Advisor_Nomination_Form.doc")
- All materials submitted become the property of CEC and will not be returned.

For questions, please contact [Sharon Rodriguez](#).