



2020 Outstanding Student Awards Nomination Information

Nomination Deadline: July 15, 2019

Each year, the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) recognizes both an undergraduate and a graduate student who has made outstanding contributions in service to CEC and to children with exceptionalities.

Award Benefits

The 2020 Outstanding Student Member Award recipients will each:

- Receive a commemorative plaque.
- Be recognized at the 2020 CEC Convention & Expo in Portland, Oregon.
- Be featured on CEC's website (www.cec.sped.org).

Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must:

- Be a current CEC student member **and** have been a member for at least one full semester at the time of nomination.
- Be either a full-time student during the 2019-2020 academic year as defined by an accredited college or university, or a part-time student who is not engaged in full-time employment as a certified professional in the field of special education.
- Have demonstrated outstanding contributions to CEC and children with exceptionalities in areas such as:
 - Involvement with CEC for a number of years, service as an officer/committee chair or initiation of programs and events for CEC
 - Inspiration as a role model for professional development and positive attitude
 - Exhibition of sincere commitment to children with exceptionalities and the field of special education

Award Selection Considerations

- The CEC Student Committee has the authority to give only one Outstanding CEC Undergraduate Student Award and one Outstanding CEC Graduate Student award or opt not to grant either/both awards in any given year.
- The CEC Student Committee will conduct an individual blind review of each application based on the criteria set forth above.
- Current sitting members of the CEC Student Committee may not be nominated for either award and may not nominate or write letters of recommendation for any Student Award nominees.

Rules and Instructions for Nomination

- The nomination requires two sections. To facilitate review, the nomination packet should be organized as follows:
 - **Section I:** Completed Nomination Form
 - **The Nomination Form is to be completed by the nominator; it is not to come from the student being nominated.**
 - **Section II:** Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - One letter from the student's CEC Student Chapter faculty advisor addressing the student's commitment to CEC and special education. The chapter's faculty advisor should identify him/herself as the faculty advisor in their letter. If there is no CEC Student Chapter at the college/university, one letter must come from one of the student's academic advisors or professors.
 - One letter from an academic advisor, employer, or professor addressing your commitment to special education.
- All application materials (including letters of recommendation) must be submitted together to CEC Headquarters via email **by July 15, 2019**.
- **Nominations will be accepted electronically via the following Survey Monkey link:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020Grad-UGStudentAwards>
 - **Please note:** Nominations for BOTH the Undergraduate and Graduate awards should be submitted using this form.
- Supporting materials, including letters of recommendation, should be scanned and included as images or PDF files. If you are unable to upload them in the electronic submission form, please contact Megan Shea at students@cec.sped.org.
- Supporting materials should be scanned and included as images or PDF files if necessary. Please use the file name to **clearly label** each section and all nomination materials (e.g., "Jane_Smith_Recommendation_1.pdf").
- **All materials submitted become the property of CEC and will not be returned.**