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# 2021-2022 Exceptional Educator of the Year Nomination Information

Nominations must be received by December 15, 2021.

**Nomination Criteria\***

\_\_\_\_\_ Has been a South Carolina resident since at least January 1, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_ Is currently employed full-time at a South Carolina school or district and is involved in direct special education teaching or provision of speech or other related services that directly serve students with disabilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ Is certified in his or her area of employment.

\_\_\_\_\_ Holds membership and is active in at least one professional organization.

*\*Current SCCEC Executive Committee members are not eligible for awards.*

**Nomination Narrative and Letter of Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please provide a narrative of no more than two single-spaced pages about the nominee that describes:

* Why the nominee should be selected as Exceptional Educator of the Year for 2019-2020.
* The nominee’s biggest accomplishments are as a special education professional.
* How the nominee has demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a special educator (not less than five years), as shown through such qualities as innovation, creativity, and the ability to inspire students.
* The nominee’s involvement in a professional organization, including any leadership responsibilities.
* The nominee’s professional awards, if any.
* The nominee’s educational background and achievements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide at least one letter of recommendation from someone other than the nominator who is familiar with the nominee’s work (e.g., immediate supervisor, a former or current student, a parent of a former or current student).

**Nominee**

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide a narrative of no more than two single-spaced pages describing:

* A brief description of your accomplishments as a special educator, including specific examples of ways in which students have been inspired through the provision of an innovative and creative program and/or training provided to other school staff.
* A description of any awards received.
* Membership and active involvement in professional organizations.

**Submit application and supporting documents through the link found on the SCCEC Awards homepage:** [**http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/awards**](http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/awards)**. Link will be active September 1, 2021 and responses will be collected through 11:59pm on December 15, 2021.**



**Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Reviewer #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**2021-2022 Exceptional Educator of the Year Award**

**Rating Score Sheet**

**SECTION I (\* Nominee must meet ALL criteria in this section to qualify for consideration. \*)**

1. **Please verify that the nominee meets the following criteria:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Has been a South Carolina resident since at least January 1, 2014 (five years).

\_\_\_\_\_ Is currently employed fulltime at a South Carolina school or district and is involved

in direct special education teaching or provision of speech or other related services

that directly serves students with disabilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ Is certified in his or her area of employment.

\_\_\_\_\_ Holds membership and is active in at least one professional organization.

1. **Please verify that the:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Nomination includes at least one letter of recommendation.

Specify letter source(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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C. Please verify that the nominee has submitted a personal letter.

**SECTION II**

**Please rate the following (maximum number of points is noted for each item):**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Demonstrates innovation and creativity**

(25 points)

*Considerations: Designs new and innovative program components.*

*Implements creative programs to enhance student success.*

*Expands and/or accommodates programs to accommodate learners.*

*Displays creativity in program delivery.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Demonstrates ability to inspire students.**

(25 points)

*Considerations: Serves as a role model for students.*

*Finds innovative methods to motivate and challenge students.*

*Evidence that efforts made result in successful student outcomes.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Demonstrates involvement with students beyond the classroom.**

(20 points)

*Considerations: Collaborates with other professionals outside of special education to meet students’ needs.*

*Facilitates and is involved with students’ participation in school and district activities.*

*Facilitates and is involved with students’ participation in community activities and projects.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Demonstrates professional involvement.**

(20 points)

*Considerations: Holds membership and is active in professional organization. (assign full 20 points if the nominee is a member of SC CEC)*

*Has current or previous leadership responsibility in professional organization(s).*

*Collaborates, mentors, works with other education professionals.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Overall impression of the nominee and written application**

(10 points)

*Considerations: Nominee has received professional rewards or other recognition of achievement.*

*Nominee has demonstrated overall exemplary performance over a period of time.*

*Nominee has shown desire to improve professional skills by attending workshops, training seminars, classes.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL SCORE (0 – 100)

Additional Comments/ Justification for Scores: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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