2014 CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award
Nomination Information

The Council for Exceptional Children is an international community of professionals who are the voice and vision of special and gifted education. CEC’s mission is to improve, through excellence and advocacy, the education and quality of life for children and youth with exceptionalities and to enhance the engagement of their families.

The CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has made continued and sustained contributions to the education of children and youth with exceptionalities.

Nominations may be made by an individual or a CEC-affiliated organization (state/provincial unit, chapter, division, or subdivision).

Award Benefits

The CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award recipient will:

- Be recognized and receive a commemorative plaque at an awards ceremony during the CEC 2014 Convention & Expo, April 9 in Philadelphia.
- Be invited to present an educational session at the annual convention.
- Receive a $500 cash award.
- Be featured in a press release and in CEC Today, CEC’s member e-newsletter.
- Act as a CEC spokesperson.
- Be profiled on CEC’s website (www.cec.sped.org).
- Be profiled in TEACHING Exceptional Children and Exceptional Children.
Eligibility Requirements

- The nominee must have a prominent reputation nationally or internationally in the field of special education and must have made significant, documented contributions to the education of children 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); dynamic leadership.

- The work of the nominee must be consistent with CEC’s mission statement, as stated above.

- The nominee does not have to be a CEC member.

- Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Award Selection Considerations

- The CEC Honors Committee has the authority to give only one CEC J. E. Wallace Wallin 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 CEC Honors Committee Chair. The previous nomination materials can be reused.

- Only one nomination may be accepted from a given CEC-affiliated organization in a single year. Therefore, if the nominator intends to submit a brand new nomination for the following year, then a resubmission of the prior year’s nomination may be sponsored by another individual or member of that group, and the previous materials still reused.
Rules and Instructions for Nomination

- The nomination packet is divided into four sections. To facilitate review, the nomination packet should be organized as follows:
  - **Section I.** Completed Nomination Information Form
  - **Section II:** Rationale for Nomination
    - The nominee should complete and sign the Rationale for Nomination Form.
  - **Section III.** Vitae of nominee (10-page maximum)
  - **Section IV.** Up to five letters of recommendation
    - Please include up to five letters of recommendation documenting the nominee’s efforts in meeting the award criteria.
  - **Section V.** Nominee Photo
    - Please include one high-resolution color headshot photo of the student in JPG, GIF, or TIFF format. The photo must be print-quality.

- All nomination materials (including letters of recommendation and other nomination materials) must be submitted together to CEC Headquarters by **Oct. 18, 2013**.

- **Nominations will be accepted electronically via e-mail to awards@cec.sped.org.** If you are unable to submit the nomination materials electronically, please contact Andrea Elkin at andreac@cec.sped.org for more information.

- All submissions will receive a confirmation e-mail within three days.

- Supporting materials may 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., “John_Smith_2013_Wallin_Award.doc” or John_Smith_Wallin_Nomination_Form.doc” or “John_Smith_Vitae.doc”).

- **All materials submitted become the property of CEC and will not be returned.**

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