

Awards and Nomination Applications

The Texas CEC recognizes winners of awards at the annual summer conference. Consider nominating a colleague for these prestigious awards.

Outstanding Professional Award

This award recognizes an outstanding Texas CEC member who contributes to the special education field by being an exemplary professional who serves in an educational capacity other than a classroom teacher (e.g., diagnostician, therapist, administrator, etc.). This award can recognize a single outstanding achievement or continued service over a period of time. The award recipient will receive a complimentary registration to the current year's CEC-Texas conference.

Email letter of nomination detailing why your nominee deserves this award along with contact information for nominee to clarkcavin@sbcglobal.net.

Teacher Educator Award

This award was established to recognize a Texas CEC member who contributes to the special education field as an outstanding Teacher Educator in special education. This award can recognize a single outstanding achievement or continued service over a period of time. The award recipient will receive a complimentary registration to the current year's Texas CEC conference.

Email letter of nomination detailing why your nominee deserves this award along with contact information for nominee to clarkcavin@sbcglobal.net.

Charlotte Lewis Award

This award is presented annually to the local chapter with the highest percentage of its members pre-registered for the annual state Texas CEC Conference. The winning chapter will receive one complimentary registration for the following year's Texas CEC Conference and an award certificate. There is no application for this award.

Super Chapter Awards

Up to two awards are offered annually to chapters that have made outstanding contributions in two or more of the following areas: membership growth, organization of regional conferences, workshop presentations, state program participation, service at the national or state level of CEC, contributing articles to the Texas CEC Newsletter, service to individuals with disabilities, and new or innovative contributions. The awards include \$200 for first place and \$125 for second place. Each chapter will also receive a certificate.

Email letter of nomination detailing why your chapter deserves this award along with contact information for chapter representative to clarkcavin@sbcglobal.net.

Chapter Excellence Awards

Up to two chapter excellence awards of \$50 each are offered to chapters excelling in one of the areas listed above for Super Chapter Award consideration.

Email letter of nomination detailing why your chapter deserves this award along with contact information for chapter representative to clarkcavin@sbcglobal.net.

Teacher of the Year Award

The Texas Council for Exceptional Teacher Award recognizes a CEC member who currently provides direct services to students with exceptionalities, and who is an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies the best of teaching in special education. The work of this recognized teacher reflects significant educational success for students, continued professional development, and the highest standards of educational quality.

Email letter of nomination detailing why your nominee deserves this award along with contact information for nominee to clarkcavin@sbcglobal.net.

First Year Promising Teacher of the Year Award

This award is offered for a promising first year teacher in the field of special education. The nominee must be a member of Texas CEC. The awardees will receive a complimentary registration to the current year's Texas CEC conference and an award certificate.

Email letter of nomination detailing why your nominee deserves this award along with contact information for nominee to clarkcavin@sbcglobal.net.

Research Incentive Award

Annually the Texas CEC Research Committee seeks applications from CEC members for a \$500.00 grant to help fund a research proposal of potential benefit to exceptional children and/or adults. The recipient of the award will be asked to share the results of the research with the Texas CEC membership during the following year's Texas CEC annual conference.

Email letter of nomination detailing why the nominee deserves this award and detailing the research proposal along with contact information for nominee to clarkcavin@sbcglobal.net.

The Kathleen Varner Service Award

The Kathleen Varner Service Award was established in 1985 in honor of a distinguished past president of Texas CEC. Kathleen Varner made outstanding contributions to the welfare of exceptional individuals throughout her long career. The Kathleen Varner Service Award is presented to people who have made similar contributions. Recipients must be Texas CEC members and have demonstrated superior service to the special education profession and to Texas CEC. This award can recognize a single outstanding achievement or continued service over a period of time on the behalf of individuals with disabilities within the special education profession. The award is presented in years when a worthy recipient is selected from among nominations from the Texas CEC Board members.

Email letter of nomination detailing why your nominee deserves this award along with contact information for nominee to clarkcavin@sbcglobal.net.

All completed letters of nomination should be sent as email attachments by June 1, 2017 to Clark Cavin, clarkcavin@sbcglobal.net.