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A Message From The President

Greetings! I hope this edition finds your school year off to a wonderful and productive start.

I am so excited about this upcoming year for SCCEC. The Executive Committee has planned an eventful calendar to assist you in the classroom and provide opportunities to network with colleagues from around the state. The format of our state meetings has been changed to provide you with training for your local chapters and in the classroom. At our most recent meeting, we provided examples of a planning document, budget and the requirements of a Very Important President. If you were unable to attend or were not able to send a representative, please contact me for this information.

I want to say "thank you" to Jill Chapman for providing a wonderful training session for our college students. I look forward to seeing them involved in our state organization. I strongly encourage everyone to be involved with your local chapter and our state organization.

Here are a few ways to be involved:

▶ Contact your local chapter president to find out when and where the next chapter meeting will be held and then go!

▶ Plan to attend our next state meeting on December 5th at Christus Victor Lutheran Church (off Harbinson Blvd., at 11:00 AM.

▶ Nominate a colleague for one of our state's awards to be given at the Professional Development Conference.

▶ Register for our Annual Professional Development Conference for February 25-27 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center; see website for more information.

▶ Consider becoming involved in a leadership position, either locally or on the state level. Our Executive Board meets four times a year to plan meaningful events that will promote the vision and mission of SCCEC.

Please continue to check our website, www.myscceec.org, for updates. I look forward to working with everyone this year. See you next time!

KARA MERRITT, PRESIDENT

SCCEC Needs Members' Help

Calling ALL members! We need your help.

Like many organizations, we have felt the recession. Membership is down. Below are a few ideas that you can use to help us grow:

▶ Chapters and divisions should provide informational meeting/workshops that address current issues.

▶ Talk about your chapter meetings and the wonderful time you have at the monthly meetings.

▶ Each time you have a meeting, take a colleague with you. Invite. Invite. Invite.

▶ Provide babysitting for your chapter meetings, so that colleagues with small children can attend.

▶ Provide an application and a copy of

the flyer, **TOP 10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BELONG TO CEC**, to all your colleagues in your district, highlighting the payment plan on the bottom of the application. (Email me @ siehrhardt@bellsouth.net. I will send you all you need.)

▶ Share your **TEACHING** magazine with others in your building.

If you have an idea that you have tried, please share it with me so I can share the idea in the next **PALMETTO**. Also, don't forget that members receive a discount on their State Conference registration in February. See you at the conference.

SHARON EHRHARDT

Welcome back to school...we hope
you enjoyed a terrific summer!

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Visit your SCCEC website at:

www.myscceec.org

Got Behavior?

It used to be that the only people who joined CCBD were those of us who teach students with emotional/behavioral disorders. But times are changing, leaving so many of us needing answers to today's most challenging behavior questions.

SC CCBD recognizes this change and continues our commitment to be the "go-to" place for quality, researched-based behavioral support.

So even if you don't work directly with students with emotional/behavioral disorders, you can still join CCBD. It might be the best thing you can do for yourself — and your students — this year! Visit our website at www.sccbd.com.

DADD Update

During a business meeting in Seattle, a vote was conducted on the name change of the division that was proposed earlier by the Board of Directors. This was, of course, a change made in response to changes in our field and changes in the needs of our constituents. The new name of our division, the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD), makes more explicit our commitment to serve students, parents and educators concerned with the autism spectrum. There are no other divisions in CEC that focus on autism.

For more information on the SC DDD, please check out our website at <http://sites.google.com/site/scdondd/> or contact Robert at rcompton@ed.sc.gov.

For information about becoming a member of SC DDD, please contact Amy at ruddya@muscedu.

SC DCDT Update

The SC DCDT would like to announce our officers for the 2009-2010 school year:

- ▶ President: Shannon Lindsay, South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation
- ▶ President Elect: Lisa Halter, Swansea High School
- ▶ Past-President: Kelly Wulf, Berkeley County Schools
- ▶ Vice-President: Laura Antinoro, Fort Mill School District
- ▶ Secretary: Traci Morse, Sumter School District 17
- ▶ Treasurer: Cindi Nixon, Francis Marion University

The new board has been hard at work planning a great year of activities for our members. Recognizing the challenging financial times, SC DCDT is committed to providing low- or no-cost training and professional development activities throughout the year. A one-day workshop focused on Indicator 13 is scheduled for October 5. SC DCDT has provided

scholarships for members to offset the cost of registration to attend the 2009 National DCDT Conference in Savannah, Georgia October 29-31. We will also be offering scholarships to offset the cost of registration for DCDT/CEC members to attend the 2010 SC CEC conference. Information about the applications for this scholarship will be available on our website www.freewebs.com/sccdcdt in November. Preference for these scholarships will be given to DCDT members. Please consider joining DCDT today!

Chapter 451 News

Chapter 451 is off to a great start; we have approved our constitutional changes and put our planning document in place. With goals set and a group willing to work, we will be able to grow our chapter and serve our community with a quality organization.

For months we have discussed wanting to have an Exceptional Children's Week in our districts. We ordered an Exceptional Children Week Handbook from national CEC at no cost to our chapter. It is a wonderful tool and full of ideas on promotion and activities to use to make an Exceptional Children's Week.

Don't forget March is Exceptional Children's month. Order your manual today from National CEC.

Chapter 165 News



SC CEC Chapter 165 has a very eventful and productive first quarter. Our first meeting of the year took place at Wild Wing Café, where we had the honor of having Cocky as our special guest.

During the meeting, the members of 165 approved our revised constitution and planning document. Through the approval of the revised constitution, we added three members to our executive board: student chapter representative, programming chair, and communications chair. The student representative will be appointed by the chapter advisor from Columbia College.

We also had the pleasure of awarding a \$500 mini-grant to Jenny Johansson, chapter member and teacher at Pleasant Hill Middle School in Lexington School District 1. She and fellow teacher, Martha Cartin, will use the money to start implementing theories and teaching strategies from the Read Right

program.

Our next meeting will be November 17 at 6:00 pm. Our special guest will be Ms. Marlene Metts, the new Director of the Office of Exceptional Children. The location will be announced at a later date.

Finally, Chapter 165 would like to remind everyone to stay up-to-date with chapter events by either visiting our website at <http://165sccec.googlepages.com> or follow us on Facebook. Search "SC CEC Chapter 165" to locate us.

Chapter 936 News

Chapter 936 held their first meeting on September 30, at the Holiday Inn Express in North Charleston.

Officers for 2009-2010 are Dustin McCoy (President), Kimberly Walker (Vice President), Elaine Phillips (Treasurer) and Mary Ann Free (Secretary).

If you are interested in attending future meetings, please contact WalkerK@berkeley.k12.sc.us. We look forward to another successful year!

Chapter 757 News

Coastal 757 held our first meeting September 24 to honor our special paraeducators. The meeting was catered by Beef-O-Brady's in Georgetown. Fourteen people attended and listened to our guest speaker, Patti Pierce, present guidelines for teachers and paraeducators to use in the classroom. Patti is also Coordinator of Special Services in Georgetown County and a proud member of Coastal 757!

During the meeting, a free membership was won by Mackie Altman, paraeducator at Waccamaw High School in Pawleys Island.



Coastal 757 member Summer Altman (not pictured) and her class made bags to present to the paraeducators. Each bag had tips for the paraeducators plus other fun items to show our appreciation for their hard work. Pictured from left to right: Peggy Sumlin, Paraeducator; Melissa M. Constable, Coastal 757 President; Patti Pierce, Special Services Coordinator; Mackie Altman, Paraeducator; Sherry Vanderhorst, Paraeducator.

Call for Nominations

The offices of Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President will be open this spring. The term of Recording Secretary will be two years, Treasurer will be three years, and Vice-President will be four years (with a progression into the roles of President-Elect, President, and Past President).

Below you will find a list of all the duties required for each office. If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague, please contact one of the members on the nominations committee by December 1 — Katie Stapleton (Past President), KatieStapleton@berkeley.k12.sc.us; Amanda Walkup (Chapter 877), awalkup@greenville.k12.sc.us; Debbie Gunter (Chapter 165), dgunter@lex2.org; and Dannie Mays (Chapter 451), DAM59@orangeburg5.k12.sc.us.

DUTIES OF RECORDING SECRETARY

1. To keep a record of the proceedings and attendance of meetings of the Executive Committee, Executive Board, and Representative Assembly.
2. To transfer all records to the new Recording Secretary at the end of the administrative year. To maintain minutes for the current and previous two (2) years. To prepare prior years minutes for archives on an annual basis.
3. To prepare an annual list of motions acted upon by SCCEC and maintain a notebook of active motions.
4. To keep accurate rolls of the Executive Committee, Executive Board, Representative Assembly, and committee memberships.
5. To have available copies of the current Constitution and Bylaws, minutes of assemblies and conventions, and reports of committee meetings.
6. To make an annual report to SCCEC President.
7. To keep a register of all local chapters, subdivisions, the Student Association officers, as well as total members in the Federation.

DUTIES OF TREASURER

1. To serve as custodian of all the funds of SCCEC.
2. To pay for expenses approved by the Executive Board and on the authorization of the President.
3. To submit records of collections and disbursements for audits.
4. To make a financial report in writing to the Executive Committee and Executive Board at each called meeting.
5. To make an annual report to the SCCEC President.
6. To transfer all fund and records to the new Treasurer after the end of the administrative year.
7. To serve as chairperson of the Finance Committee.

DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENT

1. To serve in the place of, with the authority of, the President in the absence or disability of the President or President Elect.
2. To assist the President in appointing all standing committees and any special committees except the Nominating, Finance, and Convention Committees.
3. To co-chair the program planning for the annual convention.
4. To conduct and coordinate Representative Assembly registration and to determine and validate the representatives to Representative Assembly.
5. To coordinate planning for other training other than convention.
6. To make an annual report to the SCCEC President.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT-ELECT

1. To serve in place of, with the authority of, the President in case of absence or disability.
2. To assist the President in appointing all standing committees and any special committees except the Nomination, Finance Awards, and Convention Committees.
3. To share committee coordination and assist in the establishment of new chapters and the strengthening of existing ones.
4. To serve as chairperson of the Convention Committee. Duties include: develop the Convention Planning document for approval of the Executive Committee, propose convention theme for approval of Executive Committee, manage the finances of the convention under oversight of the Federation Treasurer, coordinate hotel and facilities management, coordinate with the Host Chapter assigned functions, and coordinate with the Vice President the program for the annual convention. The President Elect will appoint sub-committee chairpersons to assist with the functions of the convention as identified in the Convention Planning Document and approved by the Executive Committee.
5. To coordinate planning for future convention sites. The President Elect will appoint a Convention Liaison to conduct planning for future convention sites.
6. To make an annual report to the SCCEC President.

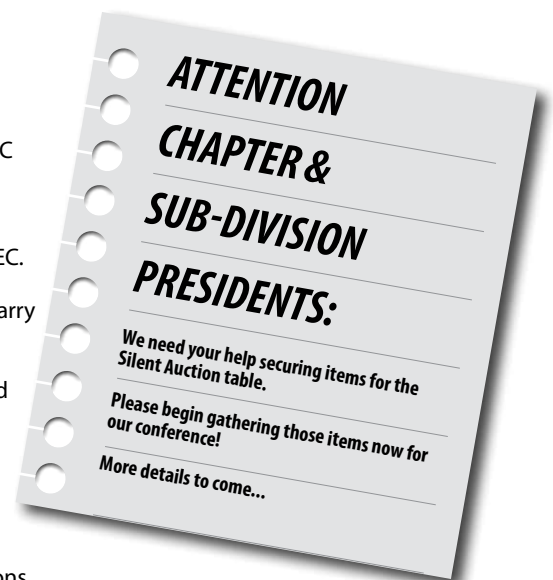
DUTIES OF PRESIDENT

1. To serve as chief executive of the SCCEC.
2. To give professional leadership to the planning and program of the SCCEC and carry out the directives of the membership.
3. To call and preside at meetings of the Executive Committee, Executive Board, and other unit sponsored meetings.
4. To preside at meetings of the Representative Assembly and the annual convention.
5. To serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all committees except those making nominations or conducting elections.

6. To appoint, with the approval of the Executive Board, the chairperson of all standing committees except those otherwise designated in the Constitution, to establish Ad Hoc committees, and to recommend other appointive bodies needed to the Executive Board.
7. To prepare and submit an annual set of assurances to CEC and other reports required by CEC in a timely manner.
8. To appoint the Federation Parliamentarian and to appoint a Corresponding Secretary for one (1) term.
9. To provide for cooperation with, participation in, and representation of the Federation with other agencies and groups of similar interests.
10. To serve as a representative of the South Carolina Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children at the annual Representative Assembly of the Council for Exceptional Children.
11. To appoint with approval of the Executive Committee and alternate representative from South Carolina to the CEC Representative Assembly when either the President or Past President cannot attend.

DUTIES OF PAST PRESIDENT

1. To serve as member of the Executive Committee and Executive Board.
2. To serve as chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
3. To conduct the elections at the (SCCEC) Representative Assembly.
4. To plan leadership training activities for SCCEC.
5. To serve as a representative of the South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children at the annual Representative Assembly of the Council for Exceptional Children.
6. To make an annual report to the SCCEC President.



South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children Award Nomination Form

Award (check one):

- Member of the Year
- Advocate of the Year
- Rookie Teacher of the Year
- Student Member of the Year

- Para-Educator of the Year
- General Educator of the Year
- Principal of the Year

Current SCCEC Executive Committee members are not eligible for awards.

Name of Nominee: _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

Address: _____

Street/PO Box

City

State

Zip

Telephone: _____

Home

Work

Name & Address of Local Newspaper: _____

Chapter / Subdivision: _____

Member Making Nomination: _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

Address: _____

Street/PO Box

City

State

Zip

Telephone: _____

Home

Work

Chapter/Subdivision: _____ CEC Membership Number: _____

**NOTE: Letters of nomination must clearly address all criteria.
All information must be postmarked by indicated deadline.**

South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children State Professional Development Conference

February 25 – 27, 2010
REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME _____ CEC MEMBERSHIP # _____

PREFERRED NAME ON NAME TAG _____ CEC CHAPTER # _____

ADDRESS _____
NUMBER AND STREET APT. # CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

	PREREGISTRATION		ON SITE FEE (NO MEAL)*	ONE DAY (CHECK DAY)*	
	(POSTMARKED BY Dec. 18, 2009)	(POSTMARKED AFTER Dec. 18, 2009)		Fri.	Sat.
CEC REGULAR MEMBER**	\$85.00	\$105.00	\$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CEC STUDENT MEMBER***	\$50.00	\$ 70.00	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR NON-MEMBER	\$125.00	\$145.00	\$95.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT NON-MEMBER	\$70.00	\$ 90.00	\$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*ON SITE REGISTRATION AND ONE DAY REGISTRATION DOES NOT INCLUDE MEAL.

**YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR CEC MEMBERSHIP NUMBER TO RECEIVE THE MEMBER REGISTRATION RATE.

***ONLY THOSE WHO MEET THE CEC CRITERIA AS A STUDENT MAY QUALIFY FOR THE STUDENT RATE.

****PHOTOS MAY BE TAKEN AND PUBLISHED IN OUR SCCEC and CEC Publications

For information concerning group rates contact: Susan Burkett @ 803-622-5738 or sburkett@lex3.k12.sc.us

PREREGISTRATION INCLUDES ONE TICKET FOR THE AWARDS BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY (LIMITED TO THE FIRST 500 REGISTRANTS). PLEASE HELP US PLAN APPROPRIATELY BY CHECKING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS. **IF NEITHER STATEMENT IS CHECKED, WE WILL ASSUME THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE BREAKFAST.**

- I WILL ATTEND THE AWARDS BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY, February 26.
 I WILL NOT ATTEND THE AWARDS BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY, February 26.

NO REFUNDS AFTER December 18, 2009

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____
 (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCCEC CONVENTION)
 (TAX ID # 570870875)

**CONFIRMATIONS of REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE SENT TO PARTICIPANTS
 IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, INFORM SCCEC BY CONTACTING:
 Susan Burkett @ 803-622-5738 or sburkett@lex3.k12.sc.us**

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO:

Susan S. Thomas, Ph.D.
 Berkeley County School District
 107 East Main Street
 Moncks Corner, SC 29461

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Check # _____
 Receipt: _____

ALL PREREGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 18, 2009.
 REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CHARGED ON SITE FEES.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM AT:
Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel
 1-888-627-8203 (state that you are attending the SCCEC Conference
 in order to receive group rate) **by January 25, 2010**

**Purchase orders will be accepted. Include all participants' full name.
 Substitutions must be submitted in writing.**

NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

2010 Exceptional Educator of the Year Nomination Information

You may fill out this form or reproduce it with a word processor. Please fill out all items. Indicate "none" for information that does not apply. The selection committee reserves the right to accept or reject nominations and change requirements without notice. All decisions by the selection committee are final. E-mail nominations to the address below. Nominations must be received by December 15, 2009.

Nominee Information

Name of Nominee: _____

Position: Teacher Related Service Provider (indicate profession): _____

School (name, city/town): _____

Nominee Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Nominator: (name, phone, e-mail): _____

Nomination Criteria*

Please verify with checkmarks that the nominee meets the following criteria:

- Has been a South Carolina resident since at least January 1, 2005 (five years).
- 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 2010.
- What 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.

Please also 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

Please 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.

Where to Submit Nominations

- Denise Webster
- E-mail scdenise@aol.com (Indicate "Exceptional Educator Nomination" in subject line).

Nominee: _____

Reviewer #: _____

2010 Exceptional Educator of the Year Award RATING SCORE SHEET

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

A. Please verify that the nominee meets the following criteria:

- Has been a South Carolina resident since at least January 1, 2005 (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.

B. Please verify that the:

- Nomination includes at least one letter of recommendation.
- Specify letter source(s): _____

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: _____

Criteria for SCCEC Laura Mohr Scholarship

The Applicant must:

1. Be a rising Junior or Senior undergraduate student who has been accepted into a special education training program and who has passed the Praxis I;
2. Be enrolled in an undergraduate special education program at a South Carolina university or college;
3. Be a current resident of South Carolina;
4. Submit a statement not to exceed one page to describe the his/her commitment to the field of special education;
5. Submit three letters of professional reference;
6. Submit proof of enrollment and a transcript from a South Carolina college or university.

To apply, complete the following:

1. Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Field of Study: _____
University or College: _____

2. Attach this cover sheet to the personal statement. Enclose letters of reference, proof of enrollment and transcript at a South Carolina college or university. Email to:
Jocelyn Clark Quiggle
clarkj@berkeley.k12.sc.us

Conditions for the award:

1. An award certificate in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be presented to the recipient.
2. Award checks will be made payable to the college or university.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: December 15, 2009

Betty Brown Training Grant

This award was established to assist deserving students in attending post secondary programs. Examples of such programs could include, but not be limited to: college/university education center, adult education course, vocational school, sheltered workshop/work activity center, apprenticeship, or business/industry training course.

- Criteria for the award:**
- ▶ Any youth with a disability as defined by South Carolina Department of Education is eligible.
 - ▶ The applicant shall be between the ages of 16 and 22.
 - ▶ The applicant shall have completed a program in South Carolina. Completion is defined as graduated, certificated, completed IEP requirements, or reached maximum age of eligibility for school membership.
 - ▶ The applicant shall document interest in post secondary training by at least one of the following methods:
 - copy of a completed application to post secondary institution
 - evidence of admission into post secondary program
 - written outline of plans for post secondary training or employment

- Required:**
- ▶ Application
 - ▶ Letter of recommendation from special education teacher
 - ▶ Letter of recommendation
 - ▶ Documentation of interest in post secondary training

Contact Person: Robin Whitt (lrobin22@yahoo.com)

Deadline: December 15, 2009

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Disability: _____

School District: _____

School Address: _____

Graduation Completion Date: _____ Awards Date: _____

Check Type of Program Completed: Diploma Certificate IEP Completion Maximum Age

Name & address of post-secondary program for which the applicant has applied or is enrolled:

Has applicant received any other scholarship, award, or grant? YES NO

If yes, please list award(s) and amount(s): _____

School-related Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

Work Experience: _____

Honors/Awards: _____

Attach a sheet with any additional pertinent information

Applicant's Signature

Parent / Guardian Signature

Email completed application to: Robin Whitt (lrobin22@yahoo.com)

SCCEC General Educator of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognize a general educator who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of exceptional children and youth.

Criteria* for the award:

- Nominations must originate from an SCCEC member or unit.
- The nominee must demonstrate advocacy in one of the following areas:
 - Service to children
 - Public awareness and acceptance of exceptional children

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

Required: application, letter of nomination, three letters of recommendation (one may be a vitae)

Email application to: Courtney Foster
cjfoster@ed.sc.gov

DEADLINE: December 15, 2009

SCCEC Para-Educator of the Year

Criteria* for the award:

- Nomination from CEC member or chapter
- 2 letters of reference (teacher and administrator)
- 80% activities and involvement in classroom
- 20% participation outside classroom and in SCCEC

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

Required: letter of nomination, two letters of recommendation

Contact: Valerie Steen
vsteen@lex3.k12.sc.us

DEADLINE: December 15, 2009

SCCEC Rookie Teacher of the Year

Criteria* for the award:

- The nominee must be a member of SCCEC, licensed to teach in South Carolina, and currently employed as a classroom teacher.
- The nominee must have been a classroom teacher for less than 5 years.
- The nominee should show promise as an exceptional educator who is meeting the needs of students and who is developing professional expertise and leadership abilities.

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

Required: application, letter of nomination, three letters of recommendation

Contact: Karen Bradford
Khbradford01@gmail.com

DEADLINE: December 15, 2009

SCCEC Advocate of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognize a legislator, parent, or other individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of exceptional children and youth.

Criteria* for the award:

- Nominations must originate from an SCCEC member or unit.
- The nominee must demonstrate advocacy in one of the following areas:
 - Service to children
 - Public awareness and acceptance of exceptional children
 - Political action

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

Required: application, letter of nomination, three letters of recommendation (one may be a vitae)

Email application to: Daria Cronic
dtcronic@mail.presby.edu

DEADLINE: December 15, 2009

SCCEC Principal of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognize a principal who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of exceptional children and youth.

Criteria* for the award:

- Nominations must originate from an SCCEC member or unit.
- The nominee must demonstrate advocacy in one of the following areas:
 - Service to children
 - Public awareness and acceptance of exceptional children

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

Required: application, letter of nomination, three letters of recommendation (one may be a vitae)

Email application to: Beth Tuten
btuten@lexington4.net

DEADLINE: December 15, 2009

SCCEC Yes I Can! Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize children and youth with disabilities who have excelled.

Criteria for the award:

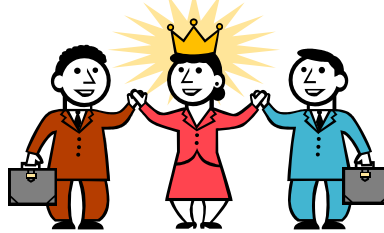
- The nominee must be between the ages of 3-21 years old at the time of nomination.
- The nominee must have an identified disability.
- Two letters of recommendation
- Award will be based outstanding achievements in one of nine categories: (**Each candidate may be nominated in only one category. Please specify which category you are nominating the individual for in the letter of nomination.*)
Academics, Arts, Athletics, Community Service, Employment, Extracurricular Activities, Independent Living Skills, Self-Advocacy, Technology

Required: application, letter of nomination, two letters of recommendation

Submit application to: Robert Compton
358 Eden Oaks Drive
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DEADLINE: December 15, 2009

VIP Award



VIP Awards are given each year to Chapter and Subdivision Presidents who meet the following criteria:

- Assist in the development of the Chapter/Subdivision planning document for the year. A copy has to be submitted to the SCCEC Past President.
- Call a minimum of four executive meetings a year. Agendas and minutes are submitted to the SCCEC Past President by June 15 of each year.
- Arrange for the Chapter/Subdivision to be represented at all SCCEC Executive Board meetings. Sign in sheets are used as documentation.
- Submit at least 2 articles to the Palmetto. Submitted to the Palmetto Editor.
- Turn in representative assembly registrations by the deadline issued by the SCCEC Vice-President. Registration forms submitted to the SCCEC Vice-President are used as documentation.
- Submit officer names and addresses to the SCCEC President by June 15 of each year.
- Submit a completed annual report to the SCCEC President.
- Submit at least one nominee for SCCEC Award. Due date determined by the Awards Chairperson.

VIP Award Chair: Katie Stapleton
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