



# The Palmetto

**SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

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FALL 2008 NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

With the school year in full swing, I hope to find you at a place where you have embraced your classroom, therapy room, and/or office. I am sure you have already made commitments to do items differently and patted yourself on the back for new ideas that have been successful. I know in the bustle of the day it is very easy to forget our purpose as special educators. Therefore, it is essential to be around educators and leaders who are focused on doing what is best for students with disabilities while continuing to make improvements. One specific group is South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children. I strongly encourage you to become involved with your local chapter and our state board. Here are few ways to be involved:

- Register now for the Annual Professional Development Conference on Friday, January 30th and Saturday, January 31st. Kara Merritt is our conference chair this year and is working diligently to acquire presenters.
- Nominate a colleague for one of the many awards that SCCEC offers and presents at our Annual Professional Development Conference.

- Participate in your local chapter by attending meetings and consider leadership opportunities.
- If you are on the SCEC Executive Board, attend your state meetings. The Executive Board is made up of chapter presidents, subdivision presidents, elected officers, award chair people, student advisors, and appointed committee chair people. This dedicated group meets four times each year to plan meaningful activities that will promote the vision and mission of SCCEC.

Lastly, as we are currently in the campaign season, I would like to encourage you to become politically involved both locally and nationally. We are all advocates for children with disabilities and our input is critical to alert officials about issues concerning children with disabilities. Begin now with writing your state officials and voting on Election Day. Have a great first semester and I look forward to working with you this year.

KATIE STAPLETON

## Call For Nominations

The offices of Recording Secretary and Vice President will be open this spring. The term of Recording Secretary will be two years and the term of Vice President is 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:

- **Jill Chapman** (Past President )  
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- **Tricia Wilburn** (Chapter 162)

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- **Tony Rothfork** (Chapter 728)  
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### Duties of the Recording Secretary

1. To keep a record of the proceedings and attendance of meetings of the Executive Committee, the Executive Board, and the Representative Assembly.
2. To maintain minutes for the current and previous two years. To prepare prior years minutes for archives on an

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## SCCEC Chapter 165

We held our Fall Chapter Social on September 23rd at Queenstown Bistro. The social provided an opportunity for our members to re-connect, network, share, and mingle. The Chapter recognized the two local students who were awarded summer camp/training scholarships – J.J. Santiago and Lydia Leonard. Also, Mitch Yell announced the recipient of the Chapter 165 Mini-Grant. The \$500 grant went to Leah Lewis of Forest Lake Elementary School in Richland School District Two for her

grant titled – MP3 (Math Packets to increase Parent Participation). Congratulations winners! Also at the meeting Leah Lewis was appointed to the position of Membership Chair.

Congratulations to all of the new and returning Board Members, we look forward to an exciting new year! We will see all of the members of Chapter 165 at our next gathering on November 13th at the Queenstown Bistro!

## SCCEC Chapter 728

Chapter 728 is the designated county for all CEC members in Oconee, Pickens, Anderson, and Greenwood. We have been meeting in Oconee County and it is our goal to once again become an active and productive chapter. Some of last year's highlights include.

- A chapter meeting in November in which over 50 special educators and regular educators met to hear Dr. Kim McDuffie from Clemson University to speak on the topic of Inclusion.
- Creating and awarding a training grant of \$500.00 which was awarded to a student set to attend Tri-County Tech to

study Veterinarian Technology.

This year we hope to have members from neighboring counties join us. We understand that with the price of gas this may be easier said than done, nevertheless we always are hopeful. Our next meeting is going to be held at the Hamilton Career Center in Seneca on November 13 at 4 p.m. Our speaker is Clemson professor Dr. Joe Ryan. His presentation will be on psychotropic meds. If you need directions or more information please contact Chris Todd at [ctodd@oconee.k12.sc.us](mailto:ctodd@oconee.k12.sc.us). We hope to see you there.

## SCCEC Chapter 757

The year has started out very well for our local chapter. At the first Special Education meeting of the year we gave a plug for joining the CEC, emphasizing the importance of belonging to our professional organization. We offered an incentive of paying half of each new member's dues. That day, we had four new members join! We had local businesses donate door prizes

and we awarded prizes to ten lucky teachers. Our first meeting was a reception in honor of all our special education teachers. "Puttin' on the Grits" catered the food and it was wonderful! We really enjoyed the time talking with each other. We are alternating informational meetings with informal, fun gatherings. Coastal 757 is looking forward to a very productive year

## SCCEC Chapter 877

CEC 877 had an online meeting on 9/23/08 using Flash Meeting. If participants had a camera and/or microphone, they could be seen and heard. If they didn't have them, they were still able to participate by joining in the chat room. There was also an interactive whiteboard and document sharing capabilities in this meeting. Visitors included educators from Illinois, Raleigh, NC, Philadelphia, PA, San Antonio, TX, and Brisbane, Australia. We talked about the beginning of the school year and progress

monitoring. It was really fun to explore this new platform for a meeting venue. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 from 7:30-8:30pm. Meeting details can be found at: <http://cec877.pbwiki.com>. This platform is great because you can also click on a link to have it added to your calendar. The meetings are recorded and can be accessed at a later date if you miss the meeting. If you get a chance please join us!

## SCCEC Chapter 936

Chapter 936 kicked off the 2008-2009 school year with a chapter meeting at Wild Wings in North Charleston. After a short meet and greet with other chapter members, a short business meeting was held to introduce this year's officers. President Leigh Whitaker, Vice President Kimberly Walker, Treasurer Elaine Phillips, and Secretary Stacey Coates each introduced themselves with a short bio and their goals for the chapter this year. Melissa Kubu, of the Charleston Miracle League, was also

on hand to give some information out on Charleston Miracle League in which many of our lowcountry students may participate in. For more information please visit [www.charlestonmiracleleague.org](http://www.charlestonmiracleleague.org). After a short business meeting, attendees were able to visit some more with their colleagues as well as provide suggestions and comments for the next meeting which will be held on Thursday, December 4th. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

## 2008 SCCEC Mini grant update

This was another great year of mini grant applications for South Carolina CEC! We received 10 very unique and interesting grants which made the selection process a tough one. Three mini grants were granted this year. The first was awarded to Sarah Jumper from Spartanburg School District 7. Her proposal "K-9 STARS: Animal Assisted Therapy in Special Education" was awarded \$1000 to incorporate animal assisted therapy into the counseling program for students with emotional problems. Robin Boylston from Barnwell High School in Barnwell School District 45 was awarded \$940.27 to implement her grant project "SPANS Employability Diploma Program – Job Portfolios." She plans on using the money to have the high school students develop professional portfolios in order to assist in transitioning from school to work. Joan Mott from Fort Dorchester Elementary School in Dorchester 2 School District will receive \$998.90 to fund her grant "Project Small Wonders"

so that her students with severe cognitive and physical disabilities will be provided assistive technology software to help them access the SMART Board. SCCEC is proud to support these teachers in their efforts to provide exceptional instruction for our students!

If your grant was not selected this year or you did not apply, start thinking about applying next year. Think of the innovating activities you could incorporate into your classroom with \$1,000!



*Mitch Yell, Chapter 165 president, and Leah Lewis, are recipients of the Chapter 165 mini-grant.*

## 2nd Annual Transition Conference to be held Nov. 19-21, 2008

The SC Division on Career Development and Transition invites you to attend the 2nd Annual Transition Conference entitled: Teeing Off and Moving Fore-ward in South Carolina. The keynote speaker will be Heather Whitestone McCallum, Miss America 1994, who will share her astounding accomplishments despite a profound hearing loss. The conference will include over 25 breakout sessions on a variety of transition topics and will be held from November 19-21 at the beautiful Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort.

Two Pre-Session events on November 19 include "Creating Employment Opportunities" by Richard Luecking and "Developing Quality Transition IEP's" by Kelly Wulf.

Electronic registration information can be found at <http://ed.sc.gov/scopd/eregister.html> or more information can be obtained at the SC-DCDT website: <http://www.freewebs.com/scdcdt/>.

## Attention SCCEC Executive Board Members

The following is a list of our next Board Meetings. Please make plans to attend. An agenda and directions will be emailed two weeks prior to the meeting date.

- Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 am  
Christus Victor Lutheran Church (off Harbison Blvd.)

- Saturday, January 31 (see conference program for time). Charleston Convention Center & Embassy Suites
- Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 am  
Christus Victor Lutheran Church (off Harbison Blvd.)

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## Application for the SCCEC Laura Mohr Scholarship

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. Mail to:

### Beth Tuten

15 Seaford Ct.  
Irmo, SC 29063  
(c) 803-361-4384  
(w) 803-568-1100, ext. 34307  
Btuten@lexington4.net

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, 2008

The recipient will be announced on January 30, 2009 at the Awards Breakfast at the SCCEC State Conference

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- SC CEC's Annual Professional Development Conference  
Pre-Conference Thursday, January 29th, 2009
- Conference Friday and Saturday, January 30th and 31st, 2009  
New Strands for this conference include: Strategies for General Educators, Vendors, and Parenting

**Check out SC CEC's website at [www.myscce.org](http://www.myscce.org) for updated information on our conference on January 29th – 31st at the North Charleston Convention Center!**

## Call For Nominations

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- annual basis.
3. To prepare an annual list of motions acted upon by the Federation and maintain a log 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 By-laws, minutes of assemblies and conventions, and reports of committee meetings.
  6. To make an annual report to the Federation President.
  7. To keep a register of all local chapters, subdivisions, the Student Association officers, as well as total members in the Federation.
  8. To transfer all records to the new Recording Secretary at the end of the administrative year.

### Duties of the 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 assist in determination and validation of representatives to the Representative Assembly.

### Duties of the 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, and Convention Committees.
3. To share committee coordination and assist in the establishment of new chapters and the strengthening of existing ones.

- To serve as chairperson of the Federation 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 the program for the annual convention with the Vice President. 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.
- To coordinate planning for future convention sites. The President Elect will appoint a Convention Liaison to conduct planning for future convention sites.

#### Duties of the President

- To serve as chief executive of the Federation
- To give professional leadership to the planning and program of the Federation.
- To call and preside at meetings of the Executive Board.
- To preside at meetings of the Representative Assembly and the annual convention.
- To serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all committees except those making nominations or conducting elections.
- 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.
- To prepare the annual report for CEC.
- To appoint the Federation Parliamentarian and to appoint a Corresponding Secretary for one term.
- To provide for cooperation with, participation in, and representation of the Federation with other agencies and groups of similar interests.
- 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.

- To appoint an alternate 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. The alternate should be selected first from the Executive Committee, secondly, the Executive Board, or next, a member in good standing of the South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children.

#### Duties of the Past President

- To serve as a member of the Executive Committee and Executive Board.
- To serve as chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
- To conduct the elections at the (SCCEC) Representative Assembly.
- To plan leadership training activities for the Federation.
- 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.

## SCCEC Nomination Categories

### Student Member of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognize a full-time student for outstanding contributions to school and community. Criteria\* for the award:

- The nominee must be a member of Student CEC.
- Nominations must originate from a SCCEC member or chapter.
- Awards will be based on the following ranking system:
  - 20% Federation involvement
  - 50% Chapter/Subdivision involvement
  - 20% Professional involvement
  - 10% Direct impact on education and general welfare of exceptional children

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

#### Required:

- application
- letter of nomination
- three letters of recommendation

#### Contact

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620 S. Laurel St.  
Summerville, SC 29483  
843-412-6971  
vsteen@lex3.k12.sc.us

**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

## Chapter Membership Award

For information about the SCCEC Chapter Membership Award, please check the SC CEC website or contact:

#### Contact:

Sharon Ehrhardt  
465 Gue Road  
Orangeburg, SC 29115  
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803-531-2298 (H)  
Sie38@orangeburg5.k12.sc.us  
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**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

## 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:

Dustin McCoy  
4 Rice Court  
Charleston, SC 29407  
Phone: 843-820-3898  
Fax: 843-820-4078  
DustinMcCoy@Berkeley.k12.sc.us

**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

## Nomination Categories

### Para-Educator of the Year

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

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:**

- application
- letter of nomination
- three letters of recommendation (one may be a vitae)

**Contact:**

Robin Whitt  
c/o Sandy Simpson  
620 S. Laurel St.  
Summerville, SC 29483  
843-412-6971  
lmrobin22@yahoo.com

**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

### Bob Monahan Student Chapter Award

For information about the SCCEC Bob Monahan Student Chapter Award,

**Contact:**

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Fawn Ridge Way  
Mauldin, SC 29662  
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C 864-567-6698

awalkup@greenville.k12.sc.us

**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

### Principle 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)

**Contact:**

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Conway, SC 29575  
Phone: 843-488-6989  
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rlilly@horrycountyschools.net

**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

### 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)

**Contact:**

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Lexington, SC 29071  
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**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

### 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)

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**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

## Nomination Categories

### Member of the Year

The purpose of this award is to recognize a member for outstanding service to exceptional children and significant contributions to SCCEC.

Criteria\* for the award:

- The nominee must be a member of the Federation for two years.
- Nominations must originate from a SCCEC member, chapter, or subdivision.
- Awards will be based on the following ranking system:

- 20% Federation involvement
- 20% Chapter/Subdivision involvement
- 20% Professional involvement
- 40% Direct impact on education and general welfare 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)

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Dam59@orangeburg5.k12.sc.us

**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

### VIP Awards

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.

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**DEADLINE:** December 15, 2008

## Criteria for the SCCEC Laura Mohr Scholarship

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.

## 2009 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. Mail, fax, or e-mail nominations to the address below. Nominations must be received by December 15, 2008.

### 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, 2004 (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 2009.
  - 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

- Mailing Address: 2009 Exceptional Educator of the Year, Debbie Gunter; 177 Melody Lane; Cayce, SC 29033
- Fax: 803-739-4066 (Indicate "Exceptional Educator Nomination" on cover sheet).
- E-mail [dgunter@lex2.org](mailto:dgunter@lex2.org) (Indicate "Exceptional Educator Nomination" in subject line).
- Phone: home 803-794-5421, office 803-739-4077



## South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children Betty Brown Training Grant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Awards Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle 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. DEADLINE: December 15,2008**

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