

***Yes I Can!* Awards Nomination Form**

Applications must be typed using a 12 point font. Handwritten forms will not be reviewed.

All nominations must be postmarked no later than December 19, 2008. Mail to:

***Yes I Can!* Awards
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Section A: Nominee Category Sheet

Name of Nominee: _____

Please check only ONE Category of Achievement.

- ACADEMICS** – achievement in a particular subject area such as math, science, reading, social studies, language arts, foreign language, etc. or a high level of achievement on standardized tests, etc.
- ARTS** – achievement in a particular medium such as music, art, drama, dance, or written expression, etc.
- ATHLETICS** – achievement in motor skills or a particular activity through a setting such as intramurals, Special Olympics, physical education classes, or after-school athletic activities
- COMMUNITY SERVICE** – contributions to the community through activities such as volunteer work, youth work, clean-up campaigns, etc.
- EMPLOYMENT** – achievement through work experience in either workshop settings or the competitive job market
- EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY** – achievement in organized activities through groups such as Boy/Girl Scouts, church, clubs, or other activities
- INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS** – achievement in mastering activities for daily self-sufficiency such as personal hygiene, cooking, dressing, use of public transportation, etc.
- SELF-ADVOCACY** – achievement in assuming practical responsibility for oneself, using knowledge of legal rights, advancing one's goals, and/or effective in obtaining appropriate accommodations for oneself or others
- TECHNOLOGY** – significant achievement through the use of computerized devices and equipment

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Section B: Nominee Information

Full Name of Nominee (please check spelling)	
Street Address	
City	
State/Province	
Zip/Postal Code	
Nominee's Sex	
Nominee's Age	
Nominee's Birthdate	
Nominee's Disability	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
Home Phone	()
Work Phone	()
Parent Guardian Name(s)	
Nominee's School	
School Phone Number	()
School Fax Number	()
School E-mail Address	
Principal's Name	
Principal's E-mail Address	
School District	
Please check if Braille certificate is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Section C: Nominator Information

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominator's Name	
Street Address	
City	
State/Province	
Zip/Postal Code	
Home Phone	()
Work Phone	()
Fax Number	()
E-mail Address	
How do you know the nominee	
Are you a CEC member?	
If yes, list your CEC ID number	
If this nomination is being made by a CEC State/Provincial Affiliate or Division, please indicate the state, province, or division name	
Nominator's Signature	
Date	

The Certificate of Achievement will be sent to the nominator, not the nominee.

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Section D: Background Information

Name of Nominee: _____

1. Background Information

- A. Describe in 150 words or less the challenges this student encountered prior to his/her current accomplishments (e.g., difficulty with reading).
- B. Describe in 150 words or less the current type of special education services provided to the nominee (e.g., general education class with special education consultation, inclusion, special education classes).

Has the student's educational services changed in the past two years? If yes, describe those changes in 50 words or less.

Section D—Continued

(Section D continued on next page)
Name of Nominee: _____

2. Describe the student's accomplishments *in the category in which he/she is nominated.*

(Consider creativity, innovation, and significance of the student's accomplishments to the individual and others.)

A. Describe the student's achievements and accomplishments in 150 words or less. You can add appendices that show examples of the student's achievement.

B. Describe the setting in which the accomplishments occurred (i.e., home, school, community, work).

C. Describe in 150 words or less the impact of the student's accomplishments on him- or herself and /or others.

3. Systems Supports

A. In 100 words or less, describe how your community/school system supported this student.

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Section E: Supporting Documentation

1. **The Nominations packet must include two letters of recommendation.** One letter must come from a professional educator (teacher, principal, school administrator, counselor, consultant, educational assistant). The second letter may come from an educator or other individual who knows the student well (teacher, principal, counselor, parent, student). The letters should state:
 - A. Why the student deserves the award, particularly in the area in which the student is nominated.
 - B. Any obstacles the student has overcome

2. Suggested student documentation for each category:
 - Academics—school transcripts, report cards, accelerated programs, academic awards, work samples, statement of change in student’s academic achievement
 - Arts—copies of artwork, CDs of music, dance performances, drama performances, programs
 - Athletics—awards, teams participated in, statements from athletic directors or P.E. teachers
 - Community Service—certificates, record of activities, awards, statements from group leaders
 - Employment—employment history, performance reviews, statements from employers/transition officers/co-workers, certificates, awards
 - Extracurricular Activities—record of activities, statements from activity leaders, certificates, awards
 - Independent Living Skills—record of progress made in acquiring skills, statement of achievement from teacher/coach
 - Self-Advocacy—statement of how the student educates others (teachers, students, community) on their needs or the needs of others with disabilities, examples of the accommodations the student has requested to enhance learning/accessibility
 - Technology—record of technology used, how it has impacted the student or others, skills the student has learned through technology use

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Section F: Additional Documentation (Optional)

Following are suggestions for additional documentation that may be provided:

1. Candidate's personal comments on achievement (**highly recommended**)
2. Newspaper articles
3. Documentation of other awards or recognition for achievement
4. Other information about the nominee