

**NEW JERSEY COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
HONORS COMMITTEE INVITES APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS
FOR THE 2011-2012 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Applications/Nominations for the annual New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children **Teacher of the Year Award** will be accepted until February 1, 2010. This award was established to honor an outstanding special education teacher. The winner of this award will be honored at the New Jersey Federation Spring conference. The winner's name will be forwarded to National CEC to compete for the national 2012 Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award. Criteria for selection of the Teacher of the Year are:

1. The recipient must be currently involved in the provision of direct services to disabled and/or gifted and talented students.
2. The recipient should have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a teacher (or provider of direct services) exhibiting such qualities as innovativeness, imagination, creativity, and ability to inspire, as indicated by achievements clearly recognized by members of the profession and others knowledgeable of the candidate.
3. The recipient must be a member in good standing of CEC and have been so for at least the previous five (5) years, and should be an appropriately qualified teacher or related specialist as recognized by state and professional authorities.

Applications/Nominations should include all the information requested on the sample form shown below. Supportive documentation should focus on the qualities, which contributed to the exemplary performance of this person in the delivery of direct services. The original and four copies of the complete nomination package should be forwarded no later than February 17, 2012.

Address nominations to: **Mr. Barry Schwartz, Awards Chair, The New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children, 17 Rossmore Terrace, Livingston, NJ 07039 e-mail: bms17@verizon.net**

APPLICATION / NOMINATION FORM

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Date: _____

TO: Honors Committee

Submitted by: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone: _____ Office phone: _____

RE: Nomination of: _____ CEC ID # : _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone: _____ Office phone: _____

Please attach:

1. A description of the outstanding professional contributions of the nominee in the delivery of direct services. Use no more than three (3) typewritten pages.
2. Vita or Resume of the nominee.
3. No more than five (5) single page, single-spaced, letters of recommendation.
4. To be eligible, the original and four copies of the entire packet must be submitted.

**DEADLINE: ALL APPLICATIONS NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
February 17, 2012**