

KDEC Award Nominations

The KDEC Awards Committee NEEDS nominations from the field for five special awards to recognize individuals who have made important contributions to the field of early childhood special education/ early intervention. Now is the time to give recognition to those who deserve it within our field. The five categories of awards include:

Outstanding Contributor Award

- This award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to early intervention in Kansas. This award is open to members as well as nonmembers. Persons who might be considered could include family members, legislators, physicians, educators, and any individuals providing services to young children and their families.

Direct Service Provider Award

- This award is presented to a current DEC/KDEC member who has made significant contributions to young children with exceptionalities and their families. The candidate for this award should have less than ten years of direct service in the field. This award honors those who are beginning their career and have made exemplary contributions in their local area.

Award of Excellence

- This award honors an individual who has made significant contributions in the following areas of early intervention: publications, research, development of new concepts, approaches or programs, new techniques for diagnosis for rehabilitation, improved psychological or education evaluation procedure, improved administrative procedures, practical application of improved teaching devices, and dynamic leadership.

Distinguished Service Provider Award

- This award is presented to a current DEC/KDEC member who has demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of at least ten years as a direct service provider and is recognized by members of the profession as someone who demonstrates innovativeness, imagination, creativity, and the ability to inspire. This person must be a member in good standing both currently and for at least the previous five years.

Outstanding Student DEC Member Award

- This award is presented to a current full time student member of DEC/KDEC who has contributed a great deal of time, energy, or support to early childhood special education. This can include activities within their Student CEC Chapter and/or to children who are exceptional and their families.

Please take a few minutes to nominate a candidate for one or more of these awards. Awards will be presented at annual KDEC conference February 23-24 in Wichita. Nominating an individual simply involves filling out a nomination form. This form can be found on the following page or at www.kdec.org. or contact Kathy Easterly keasterlyirc@olatheschools.org or call 913-780-7325.

KDEC Awards Nomination Form

All nominations must be in writing and must include the nominee's vita/resume, a cover letter describing the individual's worthiness for receiving the award, and a minimum of one letter of recommendation (outside of the nominator).

*All nominee information and form is due by **January 15, 2012**. Please send to Attn: Kathy Easterly, Instructional Resource Center, 14090 Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS 66062. Or fax to Kathy at 913-780-8209.*

Category individual is being nominated for:

- Outstanding Student
- Direct Service Provider
- Distinguished Service Provider
- Award of Excellence
- Outstanding Contributor

Name of Nominee: _____

KDEC ID Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Name and Address of Nominee's school or agency (if employed):

_____ (School or Agency) _____ (Address)

Nominee's Current Position: _____

Number of years of experience: _____ Total years _____

Nominator completing this form:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Home: _____ Fax: _____