**2019 Georgia CEC Outstanding Student**

**Member Award**

**Nomination Information**

The Georgia Council for Exceptional Children (G-CEC) recognizes an undergraduate student who has made outstanding contributions in service to CEC and Children with exceptionalities.

**Award Benefits**

The recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Student Member Award will:

* Be invited (along with a guest) to attend the awards ceremony/opening session of the IDEAS Conference.
* Be recognized and receive a commemorative award at a ceremony during the Georgia IDEAS Conference.
* Be featured in a press release and in the recipient’s local and/or school newspaper or other media.
* Be profiled on the G-CEC website ([www.gacec.org](http://www.gacec.org)).
* Be nominated by G-CEC for the 2019 CEC Outstanding Student Member of the Year Award (a national level award).

**Award Criteria**

Nominees must:

1. Be an undergraduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university.
2. Be a current CEC student member.
3. Have demonstrated outstanding contributions to CEC and children with exceptionalities in areas such as:
   1. Involvement in CEC
   2. Service as an officer and/or committee chair
   3. Initiation of programs and events for CEC
   4. Served as an officer and/or committee chair
   5. Has been a role model for professional development and positive attitude
   6. Has advocated for membership in CEC
   7. Has attended professional meetings and conferences
   8. Has volunteered to assist exceptional individuals outside of CEC activities
   9. Has exhibited a sincere commitment to children with exceptionalities and to the field of special education.

**Application Process**

The nominator must submit the following:

1. Nomination Form
   1. Section I – Nominee Information
   2. Section II – Nominator Information
   3. Section III – Nomination Rationale
   4. Section IV – Letter of Recommendation (2)

Sections I, II and III should all be completed by the nominator; it should NOT be completed by the student being nominated.

Nomination materials should all be submitted by email.

To be considered for selection, the completed nomination packet must be received by. Send to awards to [georgiacecawards@gmail.com](mailto:georgiacecawards@gmail.com)

**Scoring of Nomination Rationale:**

***Total Possible Points: 100***

1. Participation with CEC (40 points)
2. Other experiences with children with exceptionalities (40 points)
3. Academic and community leadership experience, honors and awards (20 points)

**Selection Process**

The G-CEC Awards Committee will conduct an individual blind review of each nomination based on the criteria and weighted system set forth above. The Committee determines the recipient based on the nomination with the highest accumulative score.

**Other Information**

G-CEC does not pay the travel costs or conference registration for award recipients. The recipient does not have to be in attendance at the conference to receive the award.