

The Yes I Can! Idaho Awards Program

The Yes I Can! Awards Program was established in Idaho to celebrate the achievements of children and youth with disabilities, to encourage children and youth with disabilities to seek their highest potential; and to increase public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of people with disabilities.

Award Nominees may be recognized in one of each of the following nine categories:

- **Academics:** achievement in a particular subject area such as math, science, reading, social studies, language arts, foreign languages, 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 athletic 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 Activities:** 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-efficiency 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.
- **Technology:** significant achievement through the use of computerized devices and equipment.

Nominees for the Yes I Can! Awards program must be children and youth up to 21 years old. Each nominee is eligible in only one category. **All nominations must be received no later than**

May 1 each year. The award winners will be notified in late September

Send nomination forms for the Idaho Yes I Can! Awards Program to:

Barbara Huck

RE: Yes I Can Awards Program, CEC

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Weiser, ID 83672

The Yes I Can! Idaho Awards Program Nomination Form

Category: Please choose only one from below

Academics Arts Athletics Community Service Employment
Extracurricular Activities Independent Living Skills Self-Advocacy Technology

Information about Nominee

Name _____ Address _____

Birth date _____ Age _____

Disability _____ Age when disability was identified _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

Nominee's School Name _____

School Address _____

Principal's Name _____

School Email _____

District _____

Information about Nominator

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How do you know the nominee?

CEC Member? Yes ID # _____ No

CEC Division _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit the following information on a separate document:

1. Describe in 50 words or less the **student's skill level** and disability prior to achievement.
2. **Description of achievement** (including setting, impact on student and others).
3. Describe in 25 words or less how your **community/school system supported this student**.
4. **Supporting Documentation** (must be included to be reviewed for selection).
 - a. A letter of support from administrator.
 - b. A letter of support from parent, guardian, or party responsible for the nominee.
 - c. Photos, copy of artwork, sample of writing, etc. if available.
5. **Additional Documentation:** newspaper articles, documentation of other awards, candidate's personal comments on achievement, other information about the candidate

The **Yes I Can!** Idaho recipient will receive recognition at the CEC conference in Sun Valley.

