

# **Illinois Council for Exceptional Children**

## **OUTSTANDING GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

### **Criteria for the Award**

This award recognizes a general education teacher certified by ISBE in the state of Illinois. This award is presented annually at the ICEC Fall Convention. The ICEC Executive Board of Directors will present it

The following requirements need to be met to be considered for selection:

1. The nominee must be currently involved in the provision of direct services to students with exceptional learning and behavioral needs.
2. The nominee shall have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a teacher providing services to students with exceptionalities.
3. He/she shall exhibit excellent teaching techniques such as differentiated instruction, creativity and the ability to increase student success.
4. The nominee must be an appropriately certified teacher as recognized by the state professional authorities/ISBE.
5. The nominee must have taught in Illinois for at least five (5) years.
6. Three (3) letters of recommendation (special education teacher, principal, special education administrator, and/or a parent) must be submitted with the nomination form.

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Awards will be presented at the annual ICEC Fall Convention-Ray Graham Memorial Luncheon. (Date will be on ICEC website by early summer.)

Completed application must be sent to the ICEC Awards Chairperson before the stated deadline.

**Nominations are due September 15th  
of the current calendar year.**

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**OUTSTANDING GENERAL EDUCATION**  
**TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

1. List current Illinois certifications(s). \_\_\_\_\_

2. Current position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in this position: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Brief Biography of Nominee:

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4. Previous Awards or Special Recognition:

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5. Professional Memberships:

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6. Describe nominee's exemplary teaching performance, abilities, achievements and contributions indicating why this nominee should be the ICEC Outstanding General Education Teacher of the Year.

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7. Please provide information of 3 people person submitting Letters of Recommendation.

(1.) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(2.) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(3.) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

8. This nomination is submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Unit or individual ICEC member)

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit Nomination Components to:**

**Billy Martinez**

**ICEC Awards Chairperson**

**708 East Monroe Street**

**Normal, IL 61701**

**[billym1118@comcast.net](mailto:billym1118@comcast.net)**

**For additional information, please  
contact Billy Martinez at:  
[billym1118@comcast.net](mailto:billym1118@comcast.net)**

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE  
CURRENT CALENDAR  
YEAR.**