

# Clarissa Hug National Teacher of the Year Award 2009

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the largest international professional organization for special educators, works to improve the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

The Clarissa Hug National Teacher of the Year Award recognizes a CEC member (teacher or related service provider) who currently provides direct services to students with exceptionalities. The Clarissa Hug National Teacher of the Year is an outstanding member of the profession whose work exemplifies the best in special education teaching. His or her work reflects significant educational success for students, continued professional development, and the highest standards of educational quality.

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## Eligibility Requirements

The nominee:

- Must be a CEC member in good standing currently and for at least the previous 3 years (dating from application deadline date)

- Must currently provide direct services to students with exceptionalities

- Must hold professional certification in the area in which her or she provides services

- Must engage in work consistent with CEC's mission statement as described in the first paragraph

Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

**State Winner will receive \$100 dollars and a plaque.**

## Rules and Instructions for Nomination

All nominations must be submitted in hard copy. **All entries become CEC property and will not be returned.**

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The nomination form should be completed by the nominee and must be signed by the nominee.

The nomination packet is divided into four sections. To facilitate review, the nomination packet should be organized as follows:

**Section I.** Completed nomination form

**Section II.** Resumé or vitae of nominee (3-page maximum)

**Section III.** Up to three letters of recommendation from colleagues, supervisors, or other professionals documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria

**Section IV.** Three testimonials from students, parents, or colleagues of the nominee's ability to inspire students

The nominator should make **2 collated copies** of the nomination packet. The original nomination packet should remain with the nominator; 1 copy should be sent to Bonnie Buckelew (see address below).

Each nomination packet should be placed in a softbound folder (presentation folder, file folder, loose-leaf or spiral binder, etc.).

Include a table of contents as well as tabbed and titled dividers for each section. **Please label the sections by information type. For example, the first label should read “Nomination Form.”**

Put the nominee’s name and “Clarissa Hug Award” on the front of each nomination packet.

**Nomination packets must be postmarked by Oct. 31, 2008.**

**Mail the entire nomination packet (1 copy total) to:**

**Bonnie Buckelew  
401 Northeast Street  
Jonesboro, LA 71251**

**Section I: Nomination Form**

**Nominee Information**

Please make sure all information is accurate, legible and spelled correctly. If possible, please type your responses on the nomination form.

Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Job Title/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

State/Provincial Teaching Certification \_\_\_\_\_

CEC Member for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

## Rationale for Nomination

Responses to the questions below must be typed and double-spaced in a 12-point font. Please use 8.5" x 11" white paper with one-inch top, left, right and bottom margins. (To be completed by nominee).

### Exemplary Practices and Achievement of Nominee

1. Describe how your teaching practices or programs result in effective academic/educational instruction and assessment. Include qualitative evidence regarding student outcomes. (750 word maximum).
2. Describe how your instructional practices are developmentally appropriate and individualized for your students. Include any collaborative efforts you are involved in (500-word maximum).
3. Describe how you provide a positive learning environment for all your students. (500- word maximum).
4. What issues arise from cultural and linguistic differences and how do you address them in your instruction? (500-word maximum).
5. Describe how your continuing professional development has benefitted your instruction and impacted your students (500-word maximum).
6. Describe the three most critical issues currently facing the field of education and explain how you are addressing those issues in your classroom (500-word maximum).

### Additional Accomplishments and Honors

1. Presentations made (inservices at school and/or district; state or national conferences).
2. State/provincial and local activities and their benefits to the teacher and/or students and their parents. (500-word maximum).
3. Educational awards recognition received.

*For publicity purposes, please attach the following information:*

Nominee's local newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Information

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (W) \_\_\_\_\_, (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

**Section II: Nomnee's Vitae**

Please attach the nominee's resume' or vitae (3-page maximum)

### **Section III: Letters of Recommendation**

Please attach up to three letters of recommendation from colleagues, supervisors, or other professionals documenting the nominee's efforts in meeting the award criteria, specifically in the areas of :

- \* Innovation
- \* Evidence of student progress
- \* Collaboration, leadership, or mentoring

### **Section IV: Testimonials**

Please attach three testimonials from students, parents or colleagues describing the nominee's ability to inspire students.

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If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone (318-259-8802, ext. 24) or email (buckelew@jpsb.us.)