

Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children (LA-CEC) Student Scholarship Application 2009

Description: Louisiana CEC offers two scholarships annually to a CEC student member who is currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in special education. The amounts of the scholarships are \$1000 each. One Scholarship is in memory of Cecil J. Picard, and one scholarship is a Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children Scholarship.

Award Criteria: The student must:

1. Be a Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Student member.
2. Be a Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student enrolled in an accredited college or university for the academic year this award is given and majoring in special education.
3. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Application Process:

To be considered for this scholarship, please submit the following items:

1. The Scholarship Application Cover Sheet.
2. Official documentation of your GPA or grades (i.e., transcripts from your college/university).
3. A one-page typewritten summary of CEC and/or other activities relating to individuals with disabilities in which you participate.
4. Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a faculty advisor. The letters should address your commitment to the special education profession.
5. A brief autobiography in response to the following three items (Note: Do not exceed two typewritten, double-spaced pages using size 12 font):
 - a. Why did you choose special education as a career?
 - b. How do you view the role of special educator?
 - c. What do you hope to accomplish as a special educator?

Questions: If you have questions regarding the Scholarship Application, please contact Leslie Ortiz, by phone 337-378-4400 or by e-mail at lortiz@vpsb.k12.la.us

Application Deadline: To be considered for scholarship selection, the completed application packet must be postmarked no later than **Saturday, October 31, 2009**, and sent to:

Leslie Ortiz, LA-CEC Student Scholarship Chair
114 East Rd.
Anacoco, LA 71403

Scoring Criteria:

Total possible points: 100

1. Application Cover Sheet (5 points)
2. Documentation of GPA (15 points)
3. List of CEC and/or other activities relating to individuals with exceptionalities in which the applicant is involved (10 points)
4. Two Letters of Recommendation, one from a faculty advisor, addressing your commitment to the special education profession (30 points)
5. A brief autobiography responding to the following questions (40 points):
 - a. Why did you choose special education as your career? (10 points)
 - b. How do you view the role of special educators? (20 points)
 - c. What do you hope to accomplish as a special educator? (10 points)

Selection Process:

The Chair of the LA-CEC Scholarship Committee will appoint a Scholarship Subcommittee to conduct an individual blind review of each application based on the criteria and weighted system set forth above. The applicants with the highest accumulative score will be recommended to the LA-CEC Scholarship Chair to receive this award.

Award Process:

A check for the 2007 LA-CEC Scholarship monies will be sent to the recipient before December 31, 2009.

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LA-CEC 2009 Student Scholarship Application Cover Sheet

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell/pager: _____ E-Mail: _____

University/College information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

SCEC Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____

Specific Major: _____

Degree Pursuing: _____

Specify your student status for the academic year of this award:

___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate

Expected date of Graduation: _____ Month _____ Year

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