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Nominations are now open for the Council on Exceptional Children's (CEC) 2011 annual awards acknowledging the accomplishments of children and youth with disabilities, and special educators, researchers and businesses.

The CEC’s “Yes I Can!” Awards were established to honor children and youth with disabilities who have excelled. Thousands of children and youth have been recognized since the program’s inception in 1982.

Each year, CEC selects approximately 27 winners for their outstanding achievements in one of the following nine categories:

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

Nominations packets, eligibility guidelines, and more information can be found on the CEC website. Nominations must be postmarked by October 22, 2010.

The CEC’s Professional Awards recognize outstanding special educators in the following areas: Wallin Lifetime Achievement, Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year, Special Education Research, Outstanding CEC Leadership and Business Awards.

More information about these professional awards and nomination forms can be found on the CEC website. All nominations are due by October 22, 2010.