

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Jeanette A. McCollum Award for Service to the Field
Illinois Division for Early Childhood (IDEC)

You are invited to submit the name of an individual for the Jeanette A. McCollum Award for Service to the Field. This award is given to an individual who meets the high standards of professional practice set by Jeanette A. McCollum. Jeanette is a leader in research and personnel preparation in the field of early intervention/early childhood special education, professor emeritus at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, and has contributed significantly within Illinois and to the International Division for Early Childhood (IDEC).

Candidates for the Jeanette A. McCollum Award shall meet the following criteria:

1. Be a professional in an agency or an organization in the field of early intervention/early childhood (Birth-8), family member, student or community member, or an area that directly impacts early intervention/early childhood (e.g., government);
2. It is encouraged, but not required, that the candidate be a current member of IDEC;
3. Have made significant contributions on a state, regional, or local level which have improved or will improve the lives of young children with special needs, their families, or those who work on their behalf. Contributions may be in direct services, personnel preparation, leadership, policy development, research, advocacy, or publications and are supportive of the goals of Illinois, IDEC and International IDEC.

An award recipient shall receive a plaque or other commemorative award (trophy, statue, etc.), have his/her registration to the Sharing A Vision (SAV) conference waived, one-year complimentary membership into IDEC/CEC, and have details of their award published in the Illinois IDEC newsletter.

Please send nominations (letter of support outlining the three criteria above and any additional supporting documentation) to Connie Shugart at the e-mail or address listed below **by June 15, 2013**. The outcome of this review process will be determined by August 15, 2013 and the award will be presented at the 2013 *Sharing a Vision* Conference in Springfield, IL in September 2013. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Connie Shugart.

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