**2017 Missouri Yes I Can Awards Nomination Information**

The Yes I Can Award honors and celebrates the achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities; encourages individuals to seek their highest potential; and increase public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of those with disabilities.

Nominations may be made by the nominee themselves, teachers, principals, related service providers, friends, and parents. Missouri Yes I Can Award winners may be nominated for Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Yes I Can Award in one of the following categories:

 **Academics.** Achievement in a particular subject area such as math, science, reading, social studies, language arts, or foreign language; overall academic achievement; or a high level of achievement on standardized tests.

 **Arts**. Achievement in a particular medium such as music, art, drama, dance, or written expression.

 **School & Community Activities.** Achievement in organized activities at the school or community level through groups such as school-based clubs/activities (yearbook, theater, debate, tutoring, peer mentoring, social, service) or community-based clubs/activities (volunteer work, Boy/Girl Scouts, places of worship, service, cleanup campaigns).

 **Self-Advocacy.** Achievement in assuming practical responsibility for oneself, using knowledge of legal rights, advancing one’s goals, or effectively obtaining appropriate accommodations for oneself or others.

 **Technology.** Achievement through the use of assistive and adaptive technology devices and equipment (computerized or otherwise).

 **Transition.** Achievement in mastering activities that leads to successful experiences in the areas of work, vocational training, or independent living.

**Eligibility Requirements**

 Candidates must be 2–21 years of age when they are nominated.

 The nominee must have an identified disability.

 Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

 Past Yes I Can Award recipients are not eligible for re-nomination.

**Rules and Instructions for Nomination**

 Each candidate may be nominated in **only one category.**

 **Nominations will be accepted via email to** **lpflug@senecar7.com** **through February 1, 2017**

 All materials submitted become the property of MO-CEC and will not be returned.

 All nomination materials must be submitted by **February 1, 2017**. **Incomplete nominations will not be considered for selection.**

 Award recipients will be selected in **February, 2017**. All nominators will receive notification of the committee’s decisions at that time.

 Each candidate may be nominated by one individual (e.g., teacher, principal, related service provider, friend, or parent) or may make a self-nomination.

**How to Complete and Submit the Nomination Form**

**Section A: Nomination Information**

Double-check that the nominee’s name is spelled correctly on ALL materials, as it will be printed on his/her Certificate of Accomplishment.

**Section B: Statement of Achievement**

In 1,000 words or less, describe why the nominee deserves to receive this award. Include information such as the challenges the student encountered prior to his or her accomplishments, his or her exceptionality/exceptionalities, the type of special education services provided to the nominee, the student’s achievements in his or her category of nomination, the setting in which these accomplishments occurred, and the impact these accomplishments have had on the student or others.

Please note that if the nominee is selected as a recipient, the responses to the questions below may be used by Missouri CEC for the awards and publicity purposes.

**Thank you for your nomination for a 2017 Missouri Yes I Can Award.**

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Section A - Nomination Information

Nominee’s First and Last Name: Click here to enter text.

Nominee’s Address (Street, City, Zip Code): Click here to enter text.

Nominee’s Gender

 [ ] Male

 [ ] Female

Nominee’s Birthdate: Click here to enter text.

Nominee’s Disability: Click here to enter text.

Nominee’s Parent/Guardian’s Name(s): Click here to enter text.

Nominee’s Home Phone Number: Click here to enter text.

Nominee/Guardian’s Cell Phone Number: Click here to enter text.

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address: Click here to enter text.

Nominee’s School and Grade Level: Click here to enter text.

Nominee’s School District: Click here to enter text.

Category of Nomination (Check One)

[ ]  Academics

[ ]  Arts

[ ] School & Community Activities

[ ] Self-Advocacy

[ ] Technology

[ ] Transition (Independent Living, Work or Vocational Training)

**Nominator Information**

Nominator’s Name: Click here to enter text.

Nominator’s Address: Click here to enter text.

Nominator’s Phone Number: Click here to enter text.

Nominator’s Cell Phone Number: Click here to enter text.

Nominator’s E-mail address: Click here to enter text.

How do you know the nominee?

[ ] Parent/Guardian/Family Friend

[ ] Teacher/Educational Professional

[ ] Other: Click here to enter text.

Section B – Please attach Statement of Achievement (1,000 words or less)