

**VIRGINIA DIVISION ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION (VA DCDT)  
2019 YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Virginia Division on Career Development and Transition (VA DCDT), a division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), is a membership organization for persons and families interested in career and vocational issues for students with disabilities. The mission, principles, and beliefs guide our work and focus on career development and transition from school to adult life for individuals with disabilities.

The VA DCDT Youth of the Year Award recognizes a youth who exemplifies significant outreach and involvement to achieve his/her transition goals.

**NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- The youth must be at least 14 years old
- Must be a youth with a disability
- Demonstrates a high level of self-determination
- Demonstrates:
  - a. significant involvement in the transition process to achieve her/his transition goals (nominee who is in secondary educational experiences)
  - b. ongoing transition into adult life (nominee who is post-secondary)
- Demonstrates successful navigation of the process of transition to employment, community involvement, and a meaningful adult life
- Serves as a leader and role model for other youth

**AWARD BENEFITS**

The VA DCDT **Youth of the Year** Award recipient will:

- Be recognized at the 2019 VA DCDT Conference on **Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM**
- Receive a placard and an opportunity to attend the conference's Laugh and Learn
- Be highlighted on the VA DCDT social media platforms as well as the website

**NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

- Complete the Nomination Form (page 2)
- Provide a brief narrative (maximum 500 words, double spaced, 12 pt. font) that details why the student should receive this award

**SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION**

Nominations should be attached to an e-mail by **March 1, 2019**.  
For e-mail nominations, please put "VADCDT AWARD" in the subject line.

Email Nominations to:            Jessica Queener, Ed.D.  
   [queenerj@iel.org](mailto:queenerj@iel.org)

If you have questions, please email Jessica Queener [queenerj@iel.org](mailto:queenerj@iel.org)

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**NOMINATION FORM**

VA DCDT uses information on the nomination form for all future correspondence and publicity. Please make sure all information is accurate, legible and spelled correctly.

Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

***Nominating Person***

Person Submitting Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

- PROVIDE A BRIEF NARRATIVE (maximum 500 words, double spaced, 12 pt. font) DETAILING WHY THE NOMINEE SHOULD RECEIVE THE AWARD AND SUBMIT BY **MARCH 1, 2019.**  
PLEASE ADDRESS HOW THE NOMINEE:
  - a. Demonstrates a high level of self-determination;
  - b. Demonstrates significant involvement in the transition process to achieve her/his transition goals;
  - c. Demonstrates successful navigation of the process of transition to employment, community involvement and a meaningful adult life; and/or
  - d. Serves as a leader and role model for other youth.