



Dewey Graves Student of the Year Nomination Packet

Nomination Deadline is: March 1, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

(ALL PAGES MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE TO BE CONSIDERED)

Nominations may be self-submitted or may be submitted by teachers, parents, administrators, students or others.

Nominations should be made without regard to age, sex, race, religion, disability or national origin.



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Award Benefits:

- Be recognized at the Annual DD Network Conference
- Be featured in a press release and the DD Council Newsletter
- Receive a commemorative plaque to display

Nominee Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a current Arkansas student
- Must currently receive direct services as a student with developmental disabilities

Please return this completed packet, along with the required support documentation, to:

The Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council

5800 West 10 Street

Little Rock, AR 72204

No later than 4:00 pm on March 1, 2014. ALL MATERIALS MUST BE PRESENTED AT ONE TIME.

Arkansas Governor's DDC Student of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

School Attended

Grade

Major Subject Area (if applicable)

School Phone Number

School Email Address

Home Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone Number

Home Email Address

Nominator Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Home Address

City

State

Zip Code

Daytime Phone Number

Email Address

Relationship to Candidate:

Parent of Student*

Supervisor/Principal

Community Leader*

Teacher*

Fellow Student

Other*

*For non school-based nominator, please contact a school representative to assist in completing this nomination packet.

Endorsement

I endorse this nomination in the belief that the candidate is a worthy and outstanding representative of excellence among students with developmental disabilities.

Nominator's Signature (No signature is required in case of a self-nomination)

Date

Nominators should work with the **candidate** to answer the following questions. ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER, please respond to EACH of the questions below, answering EACH within the noted page limits, using specific examples where possible. Each answer will be scored individually by the judges.

I. Student Biography (Professional 100 word biography, 12 point font. Please write in third person.)

A. NOTE: This biography will be used for publicity and promotional purposed at the state and local levels.

Provide a 100 word candidate biography of your academic accomplishments including information on such as schools attended, types of degree(s) and year(s) received and in what discipline, school teams and committees, community or volunteer service and any other awards or stellar information **(10 points)**

B. What were the factors that have influenced you as a scholar? What obstacles have you overcome to achieve your success? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education. (10 points)

II. Candidate Essay (No more than two double-spaced pages, 12 point font)

The **candidate** should write an essay describing their commitment to their education, highlighting their areas of greatest improvement, and/or their service to the community through volunteer work, civic responsibilities, and other group activities. Include examples of what you do to strengthen and improve your education, and your thoughts on what is and/or should be the basis for measuring success among students with developmental disabilities. **(20 points)**

Note: Please submit a copy of the candidate's resume along with this nomination packet (if applicable).

Nominators Essay

The **nominator** should write an essay of no more than two double-spaced pages on the topic: "My candidate should be recognized as The Arkansas Governors Developmental Disabilities Council Student of the Year because..." **(Total possible points: 20)**

Letters of Support

Include three one-page letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, teacher/former teacher, colleague, fellow student, parent or civic leader **(Total possible points: 20 points)**