FALL 2017 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
Deadline Date: Friday, August 28, 2017

The National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the 9th Annual President’s Award for Excellence in Vocational Rehabilitation. The award is presented in conjunction with the National Rehabilitation Education Conference. The conference is collaboration by the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE), the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR), and the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). The conference will be held on Thursday, October 26 - Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington VA. The theme of this year’s conference is “Stepping Forward Into the Journey of Growth”

The President’s Award recognizes a truly superior state-federal vocational rehabilitation (VR) program. It honors excellence among state agencies. It is an opportunity to share innovative and creative efforts with colleagues. The President’s Award recipient will be presented with the award during the awards luncheon at the National Rehabilitation Education Conference. Details concerning the presentation will be discussed with the recipients when selections are made. The NCRE Award’s Committee will select the President’s Award recipient.

To be considered for the award, nominees must be a state-federal vocational rehabilitation agency, have demonstrated an innovative service program, and have demonstrated a special emphasis on partnering with a rehabilitation educational program to enhance services to individuals with disabilities. You may self nominate or nominate another agency. Below are detailed instructions for the submission.

Sincerely,
Kathryn K. Yamamoto, Ph.D., CRC
Chair, Awards Committee
National Council on Rehabilitation Education, President
Enclosure
The NCRE President’s Award for Excellence in Vocational Rehabilitation

Nomination Criteria and Online Submission Procedures

NOMINATION CRITERIA

• Self-nominations and nominations of other programs are acceptable.
• Nominees must be a state-federal vocational rehabilitation agency.
• Nominees must have demonstrated an innovative service program with a special emphasis on partnering with a rehabilitation educational program to enhance services to individuals with disabilities.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

• Deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, August 28, 2017 by 7:00PM PT. All nominations must be submitted through the online nomination form (link provided at the end of this document).

• Nominators will submit a brief, one paragraph description, which may be published in the conference program booklet.

• Nominators should ask state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies, university programs, and/or others who are knowledgeable about their project to submit letters of support. Three letter maximum.

• A five-page description (maximum) should follow the heading outline listed below. Headings directly correspond to the criteria that the reviewers will use to assess your nomination.

  1. Innovativeness of approach (20 points).

  2. Collaboration with university partners or other training entities to enhance employment for individuals with disabilities (30 points).

  3. Demonstrated or likely effectiveness of approach in meeting the objectives of the effort (30 points).

  4. Sharing data and approach with others (20 points).
THE AWARD

• The President’s Award recipient will be presented during the Awards Luncheon on the afternoon of **Friday, October 27, 2017** at the National Rehabilitation Education Conference.

• Details concerning the presentation will be discussed with the recipient(s) when selection is made.

• The NCRE award’s committee will make their recommendation(s) to the NCRE President.

REVIEW SCHEDULE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

• If you have questions or comments, contact the administrative office at [info@ncre.org](mailto:info@ncre.org)

• The awards committee panel will review and provide their recommendations to the NCRE President from the submissions received through this Call for Awards.

• **Monday, September 18, 2017**: Our goal is to inform both the self-nominator and/or nominee via email, on the outcome decision regarding there submitted awards proposal.

• **Friday, September 22, 2017**: The deadline date for the award recipient to notify NCRE of their decision to accept the award during the Awards Luncheon on **Friday, October 27, 2017 from 12:30PM – 1:45PM**.

HELPFUL TIPS

The award nomination online submission form is not time sensitive. However, it is suggested that you compose your narrative portions in a text editor (e.g. Microsoft Word) and then copy/paste your text into the form fields.

Additionally, the online submission form may work smoother using either Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome browsers. Newer versions of Internet Explorer work as well. However, problems with older versions of Internet Explorer have been reported in the past.