

British Columbia Council for Exceptional Children

2018 YES I CAN! AWARDS

The BC Council for Exceptional Children (BC CEC) has established the **Yes I Can! Awards Program** to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities. The awards encourage children and youth to seek their highest potential, and increase public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of people with exceptionalities.

Nominations may be made by teachers, principals, related service providers, friends and parents. The nominator does not need to be a member of CEC.

Each year, the BC CEC Yes I Can! Awards Committee selects up to 21 winners from the following seven categories:

- Academics
- Arts
- Athletics (includes motor skills)
- School and Community Activities
- Self-Advocacy
- Technology
- Transition (work, vocational training, or independent living)

Award winners will be honoured at the BC CEC Yes I Can! Awards celebration to be held in Vancouver at the end of May.

<p style="text-align: center;">Every individual nominated for the BC CEC Yes I Can! Awards will receive a Certificate of Achievement.</p>
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Eligibility Requirements

- Nominees for the BC CEC Yes I Can! Awards must be 2-21 years of age at the time of nomination and be a resident of BC.
- Nominees must have an identified disability.
- Each nominee is eligible in only **ONE** category.
- Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Award Selection Considerations

- The Yes I Can! Awards Committee not only looks at the student's achievements but also the severity of the student's disability in relation to his or her achievements.
- In the event of a tie, additional weight will be given to the nomination from a CEC member.