

## **VIRGINIA DIVISION ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION (VA DCDT) 2012 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 of all exceptionalities.

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

### **AWARD BENEFITS**

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

- Be recognized at the 2012 Youth Summit
- Be featured in *Transition Voice*, the VA DCDT newsletter
- Receive a commemorative plaque for display

### **NOMINATION REVIEW CRITERIA**

A highly eligible nominee:

- Demonstrates a high level of self-determination
- Demonstrates significant involvement in the transition process to achieve her/his transition goals
- 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

### **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 the award

### **SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION**

Nominations should be mailed or attached to an e-mail by **April 15, 2012**. For e-mail nominations, please put "VADCDT AWARD" in the subject line.

Mail Nominations to: Marianne Moore, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Richmond, VA 23218

E-mail Nominations to: [marianne.moore@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:marianne.moore@doe.virginia.gov)

**Questions ??? Email or call Marianne Moore, 804-225-2700**

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**NOMINATION FORM**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

***Nominating Person***

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- ATTACH A BRIEF NARRATIVE (maximum 500 words, double spaced, 12 pt. font) DETAILING WHY THE NOMINEE SHOULD RECEIVE THE AWARD AND SUBMIT BY **APRIL 15, 2012**. 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.
  
- ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS NEWS ARTICLES OR RELATED COMMENDATIONS CAN ALSO BE SUBMITTED.