



## California Educators of the Deaf (CAL-ED) Awards Criteria

### Educational Interpreter Award

#### Required:

- Current member of CAL-ED must nominate the individual
- Continued commitment to improve skills as evidenced by attending workshops and interacting among the deaf community
- Certification:
  - RID/NIC certified and/or
  - EIPA (Level 4 or above) and/or
  - NAD Certified

#### Desired:

- Mentors/supports colleagues in the field at their school site
- Is a role model for other interpreters on the school site or within the district where he/she is employed (i.e. always willing to step up when help is needed, even when not part of their job assignment) Examples would be: willing to interpret for students needing to meet briefly during lunch, nutrition or after school with a coach, counselor, teacher, etc.
- Upholds the interpreter's Code of Ethics
- Is a current member of CAL-ED

### Contributor's Award

#### Required:

- Current member of CAL-ED must nominate this individual
- Demonstrates a working relationship in some capacity with D/HH children and/or adults
- Gives of his/her time unselfishly to promote the education of D/HH children and/or adults
- Promotes the quality education of D/HH children and/or adults
- Supports staff in the education of D/HH children and/or adults

- Has worked or supported in the field of deafness for at least three (3) years

### **Administrator's Award**

#### **Required:**

- Current member of CAL-ED must nominate the individual
- Supports teachers and support staff with all parts of their job (i.e. parent concerns, student schedules or issues)
- Demonstrates high skills for the job through interaction with staff, students and other administrators
- Is sensitive to and current with D/HH issues and ADA laws

#### **Desired:**

- Works with organizations outside of school site (i.e. programs desiring intern placement for their students); D/HH organizations, advisory committees, etc.)
- Served in D/HH programs for a minimum of two (2) years
- Is a current member of CAL-ED

### **Parent Award**

#### **Required:**

- Involved within their child's school as a volunteer or other capacity
- Participates in the education of D/HH children
- Supports the school and attends workshops/conferences in regards to deaf education
- Nominated by a current CAL-ED member

#### **Desired:**

- Is a current member of CAL-ED or State/National Parent Organization
- Advocates for D/HH children

### **Educator's Award**

#### **Required:**

- Must be a current member of CAL-ED
- Must be nominated by a member of CAL-ED
- Current credentials in D/HH and subject area (*if applicable*)
- At least four (4) years of experience as a teacher of D/HH students
- Demonstrates excellence in teaching
- Demonstrates leadership skills and commitment to community service
- Awareness of and sensitivity to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community

- Demonstrates continuing education in the field of deaf education
- Willingness to go above and beyond

**Among the criteria to be considered by the committee:**

- The ability to develop and implement innovative instructional activities
- The ability to motivate and challenge students
- Demonstrated student achievement goals
- Demonstration of proficiency in subject areas and
- Effective planning skills

*Satisfaction of these criteria may be documented via nomination forms and recommendation letters from parents, students, program administrators, colleagues, and faculty at Deaf Education programs.*

**Life Time Achievement Award**

*(Nominated by the CAL-ED Board)*

- Is professionally affiliated with the field of Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Has made a difference in the education for D/HH students locally or statewide
- Can be a retired citizen (teacher, administrator, etc.)