



SENIA Advocacy Award - Rules and Regulations

SENIA/EARCOS Conference 2018 - Bangkok, Thailand March 30-31, 2018

SENIA's Mission Statement

SENIA is a network of educators, professionals and parents across Asia dedicated to supporting children with special learning needs. Working together, we will provide a network to combine our strengths to help raise awareness and advocate for the children in our lives.

The **SENIA Advocacy Award** honors a student, adult or group that celebrates the achievements of people with disabilities; encourages awareness of the abilities and aspirations of people with disabilities; and advocates on behalf of exceptional people in Asia.

Nominations can be made by (does not need to be a SENIA Member):

- Teachers
- Principals
- Related service providers
- Friends
- Parents

Awards Selection Criteria

The **SENIA Advocacy Award Review Committee**, which is made up of selected SENIA members from Asia, and the **President of the EARCOS foundation** will select **one** winner who fulfills the SENIA mission statement:

- Raising awareness of special needs in Asia
- Advocating for special needs in Asia
- Effort in raising awareness and advocacy
- Impact on the local, national and international community



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Name of nominee: _____

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The SENIA Advocacy Award is awarded to an individual or group for fulfilling SENIA's mission to raise awareness of and advocate for special needs in Asia.

	1 – Modest	2 – Fair	3 – Good	4 – Very good	5 - Exemplary
Awareness Creates awareness for special needs...	within immediate family.	by being involved in school community.	by demonstrating involvement at a local community to various groups – parents, peers, professionals.	by demonstrating involvement in both local community and national groups	by demonstrating an involvement in local community groups, national groups and further reaching groups within Asia.
Advocacy Advocates for...	self/ family member on occasion.	self/ family member.	self and a specific group with special needs.	self and other groups with special needs.	self and all students with/without special needs.
Commitment When provided the support and structure required (either from others or by themselves, the nominee has demonstrated...	a modest effort in advocating for others.	a fair amount of effort advocating for others.	a good effort advocating for others.	a very good effort advocating for others.	a exemplary effort advocating for others.
Impact Nominee's awareness/advocacy efforts have...	a modest observable impact on self or others.	a fair observable impact on self or others.	an observable impact on school / local community.	an observable impact on local and national community.	an observable impact on local, national and international community.

Award Benefits:

Each **SENIA Advocacy Award** winner will:

- Be invited to attend a special awards ceremony and celebration at the SENIA Conference in **Bangkok, Thailand March 30-31, 2018**.
- Receive two nights' accommodation and flights to attend the SENIA conference with a chaperone if needed. **Please be aware that all visas are at expense of the winner and chaperone. Your passport must be valid for 6 months in order to travel in Asia.**
- Receive a plaque honoring the award winner.
- Have the opportunity to present a short presentation (10 minutes) at the SENIA conference sharing their inspirational story of awareness and advocacy for special needs. Please inform the seniainboard@senia.asia of any accommodations for your presentation
- Be featured on SENIA's website (www.senia.asia).

Eligibility Requirements:

- Candidates must live in Asia.



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Rules and Instructions for Nomination

- Nominations must be submitted digitally and **emailed to seniainboard@asia.com**
All materials submitted become the property of SENIA and will not be returned.
- All nomination materials (including supporting documentation) must be submitted together and **in native language with English translation.**
- Each candidate must be nominated by one individual (e.g., teacher, principal, related service provider, friend, parent). The nominator does not need to be a SENIA member.
- Double-check that the nominee's name is spelled correctly on ALL materials, as it will be printed on his or her **Certificate of Accomplishment.**
- A photo of the candidate **must** be submitted with the nomination materials. This photo will be used in a presentation of the SENIA Advocacy nominees at the SENIA Conference.
- **Nomination packets must be postmarked/emailed to seniainboard@senia.asia by December 1, 2017.**