



## ***SENIA Student Award 2018 Rules and Regulations***

### **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 Student Award** honors a student with a disability who excels. It celebrates the achievements of a child or youth with disabilities; encourages awareness of the abilities and aspirations of children/youth with disabilities; and advocates on behalf of exceptional children in Asia.

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

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

### **Awards Selection Criteria:**

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

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



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Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_



### **SENIA STUDENT AWARD 2018 RUBRIC**

The SENIA Student Award is awarded to a student for fulfilling SENIA's mission to raise awareness of and advocate for special needs in Asia.

	<b>1 – Modest</b>	<b>2 – Fair</b>	<b>3 – Good</b>	<b>4 – Very good</b>	<b>5 - Exemplary</b>
<b>Awareness</b> 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.
<b>Advocacy</b>	Can advocate for self on occasion.	Advocates for self.	Advocates for self and a specific group with special needs.	Advocates for self and other groups with special needs.	Advocates for self and all students with/without special needs
<b>Effort</b>	Nominee has put in a modest amount of effort; effort has mostly come from others	Nominee has put in a fair amount of effort; some effort has come from others.	Nominee has put in good effort; can work independently from others.	Nominee has put in very good effort; works mostly independently from others.	Nominee has demonstrated exemplary individual effort; works completely independently of others.
<b>Impact</b>	Student's awareness/advocacy efforts have a modest observable impact on self or others	Student's awareness/advocacy efforts have a fair observable impact on self or others	Student's awareness/advocacy efforts have an observable impact on school / local community	Student's awareness/advocacy efforts have an observable impact on local and immediate community.	Student's awareness/advocacy efforts have an observable impact on local and national community.

### **Award Benefits:**

Each **SENIA Student Award** winner will:

- Be invited to attend a special awards ceremony and celebration at the SENIA 2018 Conference in Bangkok, Thailand from March 29-31, 2018
- Receive two nights' accommodations and flights to attend the SENIA 2018 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.
- Present a short presentation at the SENIA 2018 Conference sharing their inspirational story of awareness and advocacy for special needs
- Be featured on SENIA's Web site ([www.senia.asia](http://www.senia.asia)).

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Candidates must be 2–21 years of age when they are nominated.
- Candidate must live in Asia.
- The nominee must have an identified disability.



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### **Rules and Instructions for Nomination**

- Nominations may be submitted in hard copy or digitally. **All materials submitted become the property of SENIA and will not be returned.**
- The student must answer **one** of the following questions:
  - What inspires or motivates you to advocate for yourself and/or your peers with special education needs?
  - What do you hope to achieve by advocating for yourself and/or your peers with special education needs?
- 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/mailed to [seniainboard@senia.asia](mailto:seniainboard@senia.asia) by December 1, 2017.**