



September 5, 2017

Dear Infinitec Southwest Coalition Directors and Liaisons,

Thank you for your support in helping to make the Annual Infinitec Southwest Technology Achievement Award Dinner such a huge success last March.

We are beginning the process of selecting the Annual Infinitec Southwest Technology Achievement Award winners for the 2017-2018 school year. We are enclosing a nomination packet. Please feel free to make any additional copies that you may need and distribute them to your staff and member districts. The completed packets are due **December 15, 2017**.

The Award Banquet will be held on **Thursday, March 8, 2018** at the **Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park**. Winners will be honored at this dinner and will receive Infinitec Technology Awards. Please save the date so that you can join us in honoring these outstanding students.

Thank you for assisting us in our search for honorees. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Miller at (708) 444-8460 ext. 243 or [hmiller@ucpnet.org](mailto:hmiller@ucpnet.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Childs". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Peggy Childs  
Executive Vice President  
UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago



**OUTSTANDING STUDENT TECHNOLOGY**  
**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**  
**2017-2018**

The Infinitec Southwest Coalition is pleased to announce that it is accepting nominations for the Annual Outstanding Technology Achievement Awards for the school year 2017-2018. The goal of the program is to celebrate the accomplishments of learners with disabilities who attend schools in the Infinitec Southwest Coalition area and who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in overcoming challenges and accomplishing personal goals using technology.

**I. Nomination Process**

There is no limit to the number of nominees that a district or Special Education Cooperative may submit. Each nomination packet must include the Student Nomination Form, two additional Professional Recommendation Pages, the Parent Permission Form and a digital photo of the student.  
**Nomination packets are due December 15, 2017.**

Please mail, fax or email completed nomination packets to:

Heather Miller  
Infinitec Southwest  
7550 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Tinley Park, IL 60018  
Phone: (815) 370-3710  
Fax: (708) 570-3366  
E-Mail: [hmiller@ucpnet.org](mailto:hmiller@ucpnet.org)

**II. Awards:**

A committee will review the application packets and announce the winners in January of 2018. Invitations to the Awards Banquet will be mailed in February.

**III. Awards Presentation:**

Winners will be publicly recognized at the Annual Infinitec Southwest Outstanding Technology Awards Banquet to be held on **Thursday, March 8, 2018** at the **Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park**. Each award winner will be presented with a beautiful 2017-2018 Infinitec Technology Award.



Dear Parents,

Our district is part of a coalition for assistive technology for students. It is called the Infinitec Southwest Coalition and is a joint program between school districts and UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago.

This year we are participating in the Annual Infinitec Southwest Technology Achievement Awards. These awards will recognize and honor students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement using technology. The winners will be recognized at a banquet on March 8, 2018 at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park. I would like to nominate your student, \_\_\_\_\_, for consideration for this honor. I would submit your child's name, address, phone, digital photo and school information to the coalition for consideration for this award, with your permission.

If you will give your permission for this submission, please sign and return the bottom of this letter to me by \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission to nominate my child, \_\_\_\_\_, for the Annual Infinitec Southwest Technology Achievement Award. I understand that my child's name, address, phone, photo and school information will be shared with a committee of the Infinitec Southwest Coalition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**2017-2018 Infinitec Southwest Outstanding Student Technology Achievement**

**Student Nomination Form**

**Please Submit by December 15, 2017**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Diagnosis** \_\_\_\_\_

**School (attending)Name and Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Superintendent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home District Name and Number (If different from above):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Education Coordinator of Attending District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Education Coordinator of Home District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Education Teacher(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regular Education Teacher(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Mother's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Father's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Has this student been previously nominated for an Infinitec Award? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No\_

I. Please describe the assistive technology that the learner is using, including the names of specific devices: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

II. Please describe the learner's accomplishments as a result of the initiation of technology into the student's life: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

III. How long has the learner worked to achieve these accomplishments? \_\_\_\_\_

IV. What personal challenges/specific disabilities has the learner overcome through technology? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

V. Please list some of the learner's hobbies and personal interests.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

V. Recommendation Summary Statement: (Please briefly share why you nominated this learner.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Nominating Professional:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form with 2 additional letters of recommendation, a digital picture and parent permission by December 15, 2017 to: Heather Miller, Infinitec Southwest, 7550 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> St., Tinley Park, IL 60477 or Fax to: Heather Miller at Fax: (708) 570-3366.



**4. How has technology impacted this student's educational success?**

**5. Please give an example of how this student has generalized his/her use of technology to settings outside of the classroom?**

**6. What is this student's best characteristic?**

**7. If you could describe the student using one sentence, it would be...**

**Please attach 2 separate recommendation forms with Student Nomination Form, digital photo, and parent permission by December 15, 2017**

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