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## **CCLD Outstanding Doctoral Candidate of the Year Award**

Each year, the Colorado Council for Learning Disabilities recognizes outstanding doctoral candidates who are student members and are currently enrolled in an accredited doctoral program with a focus on students with learning disabilities.

### **Award Benefits**

Recipients will be honored at the Math on the “Planes” Conference and receive a complimentary conference registration. During the conference award program, the honoree will receive a certificate of recognition. These CLD members will also be profiled in *LD Forum*, the official newsletter of CLD, and in the CCLD newsletter. The recipient will also be nominated for the **CLD Leadership Academy** and receive a one-year membership renewal.

### **Criteria for Nomination**

- Member of CLD
- Dissertation study (approved or in process) that will conduct research to directly benefit children with LD and their families, and/or professionals who serve students with LD

### **Contents of Nomination Packet**

- Completed Nomination Form, including autobiography and abstract
- Three letters of recommendation from dissertation advisor, and two additional persons chosen by the candidate
- Completed packets or questions may be submitted to:  
[kyle.hughes@yahoo.com](mailto:kyle.hughes@yahoo.com) Kyle Hughes, 1011 S. Cove Way Denver, CO 80209
- Application Deadline: February 1, 2012

## Doctoral Candidate of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty sponsor submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information for faculty sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Applicant's background:** Write a brief autobiography (maximum 500 words) describing your motivation for pursuing a degree in special education, including information about personal experiences, role models or influences, your interests and personal strengths that will enhance your teaching skills.
  
- **Dissertation Study:** Write a 500 word abstract describing the dissertation study, including a brief review of the literature, the research question or statement of purpose, participant description, and method