



EXCEPTIONAL SC

## Parent / Guardian Acknowledgement Form

*Every child has the ability to learn. It is the goal of Exceptional SC to offer families in South Carolina the opportunity to enroll their exceptional needs children in schools that best fits their learning styles.*

In 2013, the SC General Assembly created the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) scholarship program, known as Exceptional SC, as a mechanism for donors to contribute toward a scholarship fund for students in SC who meet the criteria as exceptional needs. Eligible students must be residents of South Carolina and must use the grant to attend approved independent schools in SC. The program was codified into permanent law when Governor Henry McMaster signed “The Exceptional SC Law” in 2018.

Exceptional SC is a 501(c)(3) charity that accepts donations for the purpose of providing scholarships. Donations made to Exceptional SC are eligible for a state tax credit outlined in the annual state budget. **Exceptional SC does not receive any government funding and must raise all funds given out as scholarships.** Scholarships are based on funding available and are not guaranteed.

Incumbent students (those students who received awards in the previous year[s]) are given priority. The Exceptional SC board is working with the legislature to increase the funding cap on tax credits so that all our special needs students can receive scholarships. Students who did not receive awards in the previous year will receive awards as funds allow. All funds are sent to the child’s school. The total award is sent in two payments (1st semester and 2nd Semester).

A complete application includes a signed copy of this form uploaded to your child’s online application along with their proof of eligibility paperwork (Exceptional SC Medical or Educator Eligibility form are the only forms accepted).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_