

Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities Announces the 2013 Fred J. Epstein Youth Achievement Award

Nominations are now open for the 2013 Fred J. Epstein Youth Achievement Award. This \$1,000 award recognizes the strengths and accomplishments of young people with learning disabilities and ADHD. It will be given to a student 19 or younger who has demonstrated initiative, talent and determination resulting in a notable accomplishment in any field—including art, music, science, math, athletics or community service. Honorable Mentions will also be awarded.

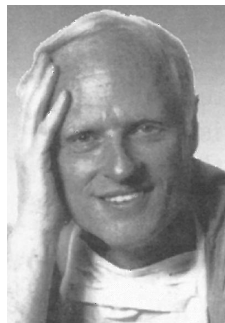
The award will be presented at the organization's annual benefit on the evening of Friday, April 26, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich in Old Greenwich, Connecticut. Transportation and hotel accommodations will be provided for the winning student and his/her parents.

The winner of the 2012 Fred J. Epstein Youth Achievement Award was Clinton Berry of Owensboro, KY who credits his reading and writing disabilities with motivating him to set high goals for himself. Earning college credits in his senior year with a STEM leadership project, he was honored with numerous academic and public service awards—including an award-winning Eagle Scout project constructing a bald eagle rehabilitation center in Owensboro's Yellow Creek Park. He is currently a freshman studying engineering at Murray State University.

A Special Recognition Award was presented to Elliott Sabbagh of Ann Arbor, MI. Maxence Mouries of Falls Church, VA received a Junior Achievement Award and Daniel De Chuchó Estruch-Gonzalez of Vienna, Austria received a Junior Special Recognition Award. Honorable Mentions were awarded to students from Berwyn, PA, Oak Park, IL, Branford, CT, Princeton Junction, NJ and Norwalk, CT.

The application on the reverse side of this announcement may be submitted by parents, teachers, coaches, mentors or

students themselves; or an application may be downloaded from the **Smart Kids** website at www.SmartKidswithLD.org/award. Please submit the application and documentation by the contest deadline of January 31, 2013 to **Smart Kids with LD**, 38 Kings Highway North, Westport, CT 06880. For information, contact us via email at Info@SmartKidswithLD.org.



In June 2012, the Youth Achievement Award was named in honor of Dr. Fred Epstein, the pioneering pediatric neurosurgeon who triumphed over dyslexia and ADHD.

“What I say to children with learning disabilities is: We’re like anybody else in terms of intelligence. But we’re wired differently. If we were in the majority, we’d be trying to figure out how to teach them!”

FRED J. EPSTEIN, MD 1937-2006
*Internationally renowned pediatric neurosurgeon
Pioneering physician, researcher, teacher, administrator*

Nominations for the Fred J. Epstein Youth Achievement Award

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Nominee

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number & Email: _____

Documented Learning Disability or ADHD _____

School Currently Attending & Address: _____ Grade: _____

Nominator

Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number & Email: _____

Attachments

1. The nominator's written description of the nominee's learning disability or ADHD and achievement (including the impact the achievement has had on the nominee and others).
2. A personal statement from the nominee describing how he/she has dealt with the challenges associated with the learning disability or ADHD.
3. Supporting materials that confirm or demonstrate the nominee's achievement.
4. Documented proof of the candidate's LD or ADHD (a few pages from an IEP, e.g.).
5. A recent photo of the nominee.

*Please type your description (no more than 2 pages) and attach all pages and documentation before mailing to the address at the top of this form. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2013. Winners will be posted on the **Smart Kids with LD** website by April 1, 2013.*

Consent by Parent/Guardian (required)

I hereby authorize **Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities (SKLD)** to use and release information contained in the application for the Fred J. Epstein Youth Achievement Award that I am submitting on behalf of _____ (state name of child), who is my _____ (state legal relationship with child). I understand that SKLD may release information including the Nominee's name, likeness, and narrative information (but not including details of the diagnosis, IEP plan or other supporting documentation) in its newsletter(s), promotional and other written and visual material, presentations and outreach efforts. (Please note that SKLD *will not release* telephone numbers, email and street addresses or fax numbers without seeking your prior permission.) Additionally, if the child nominated above wins the 2013 award, I agree to attend the award ceremony on April 26, 2013 with the child (who will be expected to give a brief, 3- to 4-minute acceptance speech). Transportation costs and hotel accommodations will be provided by **Smart Kids** for the child and parents.

Signed: _____ Date: _____