



Best of Texas Awards Program

Purpose:

To recognize senior CTE students, alumni and community members who are doing an outstanding job worthy of recognition. It is essential to provide a tangible incentive for people to excel and for others to strive to reach the point of recognition.

Rules and Regulations:

- Complete the Official Nomination Form for the appropriate category. (There are two nomination forms, one for the student awards, and one for the alumni and community awards.)
- Student award nominees **may only be** nominated by their CTE program instructor unless otherwise noted.
- Outstanding Career and Technology Education Student-Guidance Division must be nominated by a CTAT-Guidance Division member.
- Outstanding Career and Technology Education Student-Administration Division must be nominated by a CTAT-Administration Division member.
- The nominator **must be** an active member of one of the following state CTE professional associations: ATTE, CTAT-Administrators, CTAT-Career Guidance, FCSTAT, MET, TBTEA, TCTGA, THOA, TIVA, VATAT
- Students nominated **must be** an active member of one of the following state CTE student organizations: BPA, DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, Skills USA, TSA

Best of Texas Awards:

Student Awards:

- Outstanding Student by Program Area
An outstanding student in a CTE program
- Outstanding Uniquely Challenged
An outstanding CTE student who has overcome despite his/her physical or mental disability
- Outstanding Special Achievement
An outstanding CTE student who has overcome despite major obstacles due to personal circumstances.
- Outstanding Career and Technology Education Student-Guidance Division
An outstanding student in a CTE program
- Outstanding Career and Technology Education Student-Administration Division
An outstanding student in a CTE program

Three students from each of the above categories will be recognized and awarded from \$100 to \$400.

Student Awards Application Procedures-student award applications must contain the following:

- A one-page resume, by the student, that describes involvement in their CTE youth organization, other school and community activities, employment (if applicable) and educational goals.
- An official transcript with current GPA (Use 4.0 scale).
- Student statement (not to exceed 200 words) that describes the benefits career and technology education has provided you.
- Educator/Nominator's statement (not to exceed 200 words) describing the traits that distinguish this individual from others in terms of ability, motivation, achievement, performance and contribution.
- 3 ½ x 2 ½ high-quality photo (no photocopies please)
- Two Letters of Support

In addition to the above information for student awards, the Uniquely Challenged application must include:

- A description of nominee's disability. This can be written by the nominee or the nominator.

In addition to the above information for student awards, the Special Achievement application must include:

- A description of obstacles overcome by nominee. This can be written by the nominee or the nominator.

Alumni Award:

Former CTE students who (after graduation) have gone above and beyond in assisting the local CTE program or programs.

Application Procedures-alumni award applications must contain the following:

- Nominator must provide a narrative describing the CTE program the nominee participated in during high school and what contributions have made to assist CTE since graduation. Provide supporting material relevant to this award.

Community Award:

Businesses, organizations, or individuals in the community that have shown outstanding support to local CTE programs.

Community Award Application Procedures-Community award applications must contain the following:

- A one-page narrative describing why the business, organization or individual deserves the award. Please include contributions made to career and technology education that may include any of the following:
 - Student training and employment/apprenticeships.
 - Student access to technology.
 - Assistance in program development, evaluation and modernization.
 - Involvement with Tech-Prep/School to Work, community organization, school personnel legislators,
 - other educational institutions and state agencies or accreditation boards.
 - Discuss unique contributions to program development and/or expansion.

Send completed materials postmarked by March 1 to:

TCTC
Best of Texas
614 E. 12th Street
Austin, TX 78701

For further information contact Karen Grumbles, VATAT, at 512/472-3128 or via e-mail karen@vatat.org

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Outstanding Student Award Nomination Form

Award Type *(check one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Student by Program Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Career & Technology Education Student-Guidance Division |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniquely Challenged Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Career & Technology Education Student-Administration Division |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Achievement Student | |

Nomination application must include the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Typed Nomination Form▪ Official Transcript▪ Two Support Letters▪ Student Statement | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Educator Statement▪ One-Page Resume▪ One high quality photograph -3 ½ x 2 ½ (no photocopies please) |
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Nominee Information

Name: _____ School District _____

Home Address: _____ City/Zip _____

(H) Phone:(_____) _____ (S) Phone:(_____) _____

Nominee's E-Mail: _____

Nominee's CTE Youth Organization he/she is a member of: _____

(Only one of the following will be accepted: BPA, DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, Skills USA, TSA)

Nominee's Principal: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Principal's E-Mail: _____

Nominee's Superintendent: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Superintendent's E-mail: _____

Nominee's CTE Director: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip _____ CTE Director's E-Mail: _____

Nominee's State Representative: _____

Nominee's State Senator: _____

This information may be found at www.capitol.state.tx.us under "Who represents me?"

Nominee's Local Newspaper: _____

Newspaper's Phone Number: _____ Newspaper's E-Mail: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Nominator's Information

Person submitting nomination must be an active member of one of the following career and technology professional organizations. Please check one:

- ATTE CTAT-Administrators CTAT-Career Guidance FCSTAT MET
 TBTEA TCTGA THOA TIVA VATAT

Nominator's Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

School Phone: _____

Nominator's e-mail: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

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Alumni and Community Award Nomination Form

Award Type *(check one)*

- Alumni Community

Nominee Information

Name/Business or Organization: _____

Home/Business Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact/Nominee's E-Mail: _____

Nominators Information

Person submitting nomination must be an active member of one of the following career and technology professional organizations. Please check one:

- ATTE CTAT-Administrators CTAT-Career Guidance FCSTAT MET TBTEA
 TCTGA THOA TIVA VATAT

Nominator's Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____