



Best of Texas Awards Program

Purpose:

To recognize senior career and technical education students (CTE), 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.) **Application must be typed.**
- Student award nominees **may only be** nominated by their CTE program instructor unless otherwise noted. **A nominator may nominate more than one student in their respective program area.**
- The nominator **must be** an active member of one of the following state CTE professional associations:
TTEE (formally ATTE), FCSTAT, MET, TBTEA, 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

***If all items are not completed according to the Rules and Regulations the student's application will not be considered.**

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 with a physical or mental disability
- Outstanding Special Achievement
An outstanding CTE student who has overcome major obstacles due to personal circumstances

Three students from each of the above categories will be recognized and awarded scholarship money.

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 technical education has provided.
- 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) placed in a **sealed envelope**. Photo will be used in the awards program.
- Two Letters of Support
- Parent/Guardian signed photo release form

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:

- Descriptions 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.

Alumni Award Application Procedures applications must contain the following:

- Nominator must provide a narrative describing the CTE program the nominee participated in during high school and what contributions they have made to assist CTE since graduation. Provide supporting material relevant to this award.
- 3 ½ x 2 ½ high-quality photo (no photocopies please) placed in a **sealed envelope**. Photo will be used in the awards program.

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.
 - Unique contributions to program development and/or expansion.
- 3 ½ x 2 ½ high-quality photo or logo if a business (no photocopies please) placed in a **sealed envelope**. Photo will be used in the awards program.

The Best of Texas Ceremony will take place on April 30, 2012. All nominees will receive a letter to let them know if they were chosen as a winner, a finalist or if they were not selected.

Send completed materials postmarked by March 1, 2012 to:

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

For further information contact Karen Grumbles, Best of Texas Coordinator
512-472-3128

Texas Career and Technology Council prohibits discrimination against any student or adult who is nominated for the Best of Texas Awards on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation or disability.



(Cut along dotted line and enclose with application)

RELEASE FOR MINORS (PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION)

I, being Parent/Guardian of: _____ (name of child):
hereby consent that his/her name, image, and likeness, whether in photograph or electronic images, may be used by Texas Career and Technology Council, its assignees or successors, for purposes of promotion and print publications, free and clear of any claim whatsoever on my part.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

Many parents enjoy seeing their child's picture in newspapers, on television and in other publications. However, some parents do not want their children identified for various reasons. In an effort to honor your wishes, we would like you to communicate your preference to us.

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Outstanding Student Award Nomination Form

Award Type (*check one*)

- Outstanding Student by Program Area
- Uniquely Challenged Student
- Special Achievement Student

Nomination application must include the following:

- **Typed** Nomination Form
- Official Transcript
- Two Support Letters
- Student Statement
- Educator Statement
- One-Page Resume
- One high quality photograph -3 ½ x 2 ½ (no photocopies please)
- Signed photo release form

Nominee Information

Name: _____ High School: _____

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: _____ School District: _____

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

(must be typed)

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

TTEE (ATTE) FCSTAT MET TBTEA THOA TIVA VATAT

Nominator's Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

High School: _____

School Address: _____

City/State: _____

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:

TTEE (ATTE) FCSTAT MET TBTEA THOA TIVA VATAT

Nominator's Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

School Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____