



## Best of Texas Awards Program

### Purpose:

To recognize senior Career and Technology 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.**
- 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

**\*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*
- 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 \$800 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 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.

**Send completed materials postmarked by February 27, 2009 to:**

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

For further information contact Mickey Ohlendorf, Best of Texas Chairperson  
979-690-8363, Home  
979-220-4631, Mobile

*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.

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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)*

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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"><li>▪ Typed Nomination Form</li><li>▪ Official Transcript</li><li>▪ Two Support Letters</li><li>▪ Student Statement</li><li>▪ Educator Statement</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ One-Page Resume</li><li>▪ One high quality photograph -3 ½ x 2 ½ (no photocopies please)</li><li>▪ Signed photo release form</li></ul> |
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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](http://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:**

- 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:** \_\_\_\_\_