

February is CTE Month!



Celebrate CTE Month!

Join us as we celebrate this CTE Month — a public awareness campaign hosted by ACTE and sponsored by National Association of Home Builders. Help us to spread the word about the importance of CTE for our students and our nation’s economy. We encourage you to use the following resources, available on our [CTE Month](#) webpage, to generate positive awareness of CTE!

- Social Media Toolkit with graphics and sample posts — be sure to share our 28 days of CTE by following ACTE on Twitter or Facebook @actecareertech and using #CTEMonth.
- CTE fact sheets, infographics and Pearson-sponsored sector sheets
- Sample Proclamation for CTE Month
- CTSO Showcase
- High-quality CTE tools
- CTE Advocacy Toolkit
- CTE Zoom backgrounds
- CTE Month merchandise
- Encourage your students to participate in the CTE Month-NASA HUNCH video challenge!



Upcoming Conferences

WA-ACTE, Sections, Region V, and National ACTE Conferences

- [February 13-14, 2023: WACTA / WA-CCER Spring Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound / Centralia](#)
- [March 9-11, 2023: WITEA Spring Conference, Wenatchee Convention Center](#)
- [March 20-22, 2023: ACTE National Policy Seminar, Washington DC](#)
- [April 12-15, 2023: ACTE Region V Conference, Fargo ND](#)



WAVE AWARD LAUNCHES: HELP SPREAD THE WORD TO CTE STUDENTS!

The Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) scholarship application is open for 2023! The award recognizes high-performing career and technical education (CTE) students at both the high school and community-and-technical college level. The award covers up to two years of tuition, according to the tuition charged by the institution students will attend— with minimum awards set at \$4,500 per year, and a maximum of up to \$11,700 per year. WAVE is administered by the Workforce Board in collaboration with the Washington Student Achievement Council, which handles the disbursement of funds. The application deadline is March 17. In addition to completing the application, housed on theWashBoard.org, students will need to submit two letters of recommendation and ensure their CTE teacher or instructor signs off on their eligibility via a certification form. See the Workforce Board’s WAVE page for details: <https://wtb.wa.gov/wave/>

WAVE Scholarship Opportunity Now Open

Award covers up to two years of college tuition for top CTE students

OLYMPIA —Top career and technical education (CTE) students at both the high school and community college level are encouraged to [apply today](#) for the 2023 WAVE scholarship.

The Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) helps undergraduate students pay tuition and other expenses at Washington colleges, universities or private career schools. This merit-based scholarship is open to Washington residents only.

The scholarship pays up to two years of tuition or other costs. The minimum award is \$4,500 per year for up to two years, or \$9,000. The maximum award is \$11,700 per year for up to two years, or \$23,400. Awards may vary depending on where the student goes to school.

As many as 147 students will be awarded WAVE scholarships this year – two high school students, and one community or technical college student from each of Washington’s 49 legislative districts.

To qualify, students must have completed high school or community and technical college CTE courses.

Applications will be accepted from Feb. 1 – March 17. To apply and learn more, please visit <https://wtb.wa.gov/wave>.

The scholarship is administered by Washington’s [Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board](#), which serves as the state’s policy lead on how career and technical education is delivered across the state. The [Washington Student Achievement Council](#) oversees the distribution of the WAVE scholarship.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of business, government and labor representatives later this spring.

Feel free to [print and share this flier](#) on the 2023 WAVE scholarship.

For questions about the 2023 WAVE scholarship, please contact Program and Research Analyst Colleen Seto at Colleen.Seto@wtb.wa.gov.

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About the Workforce Board:

The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is a partnership of business, labor and government dedicated to helping Washington residents succeed in family-wage jobs, while meeting employer needs for skilled workers.

The Board’s vision is that every Washington community is thriving, inclusive and economically resilient. Learn more at www.wtb.wa.gov.

WSECU 2023 scholarships — last call!

Higher education is a big investment. To help support our members who are pursuing higher education goals, we have an annual scholarship program that offers two options:

- \$2,000 for two-year colleges and vocational schools
- \$3,000 for four-year undergraduate programs and graduate programs

We’re currently accepting applications for fall 2023. You can [apply online](#) now through Feb. 13, 2023.

Please note: Scholarship recipients must be WSECU members.

[Engage CTE students in a video contest](#) - ACTE, host of CTE Month®, and NASA HUNCH are excited to announce the 2022-23 student video challenge. The contest engages students to showcase CTE and project-based learning programs in high-demand career fields on Earth and in space. This year's theme is "What is the Purpose of NASA?" Students are asked to feature CTE pathways, courses and careers of the future to fuel and cultivate NASA's future missions. Submit a two-minute video by **April 1**.

For Educators and Advisors of students involved in video production programs –

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Northwest Chapter would like you know the 2023 Student Call for Entries is now open. Deadline for entries on Friday February 17th, 2023.

The Student Award committee is reaching out hoping you will encourage your students to participate in NATAS Northwest chapter's annual recognition of high school student television production. The NATAS NW Student Production awards recognize outstanding student achievements in production by conferring awards of merit in the region. All entries are judged by members of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Those entries that receive a regional award are also automatically entered in the NATAS National Student Production awards. Our region has had several national nominees and award winners over the past few years, a sign of the great work your students are already producing.

We need your help to encourage greater participation from high school programs and students throughout the region, recognizing the excellent and diverse work they have already produced. Membership is NOT required for Student Production Awards. The 2023 award cycle is for **work that was produced from January 1, 2022, until the February 17, 2023** deadline, including work of students that graduated in June 2022. All the details for the competition are in the Rules & Regulations contained in the Call for Entries.

High schools with video and digital arts programs/classes have many student assignments and projects that produce a variety of content that can be entered including content used in a daily school "newscast", to sports events, or other class projects or assignments. Entries are judged against a standard of excellence and do not compete against each other.

Categories include Newscast; Serious & Light News Report; MMJ; Sports Story; Sports/Live Event; Cultural Affairs/Arts & Entertainment; Short & Long Form Non-Fiction; Short-Form Fiction; Music Video; PSA and also "craft" categories for Animation/Graphics, Special Effects; Photography/Editing; Audio/Sound and Writing

A full list of categories and entry information can be found on the [2023 Student Call for Entries](#)

Examples and details of previous recipients can be found on the <https://www.natasnw.org/student-awards>

Again, **the entry deadline is two weeks away -- February 17th** Please get the word out to your students and encourage them to be recognized for their outstanding work that has been produced for the projects they have already completed for assignments and other education-related endeavors. There MAY be a potential deadline extension to help students and advisors navigate around the 2nd winter break in some districts, if so it will be posted on the NATASNW website and on our Twitter & Instagram feeds, but we encourage all to get their entries in as soon as possible.

Please email me with any questions you may have.

Best regards,

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CTE Dual Credit Listening Sessions

Building and district staff concerned with CTE Dual Credit are invited to participate in two listening sessions on CTE Dual Credit hosted by OSPI and the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) to inform efforts to improve and standardize practices across the state. CTE and dual credit program administrators will be available from both agencies to take note of your questions, concerns, and recommendations for program improvement.

Monday, March 6 at 3 pm: Outreach, Enrollment, and CTC Admissions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86821005515>

Wednesday, March 15 at 3pm: Credit Transcription and Postsecondary Transition

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81142724480>



[Bachelor's program supports agriculture workforce](#)

Yakima Valley College in Washington launched a new Bachelor of Applied Science in Agricultural Sciences program that has enrolled its first cohort of students. The program is aimed at helping to support the area's agricultural workforce.

[Apprenticeships open eyes to intriguing job options](#)

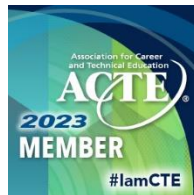
Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship, also known as AJAC, has helped 400 workers -- high-school students, graduates and workers seeking to upskill -- get apprenticeships with 300 companies. At the Central Washington branch, Heather Collins gives people insight into new job possibilities and helps them secure a journeyman's card and sometimes college credits after they've completed training.



[Washington ACTE Membership Webpage](#)

- **Renew your membership for WA-ACTE, Sections, and/or National ACTE.**
- **Invest in yourself and stay connected to the largest, most influential network of career and technical educators.**
- **Advocate for your CTE interests and achieve your career goals by ensuring your membership is current.**

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