



Washington Association for Career and Technical Education Excellence Awards

The Washington ACTE® Excellence Awards promote excellence in Career and Technical Education. Washington ACTE has recognized those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to CTE, programs that exemplify the highest standards, and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand CTE programs. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to Washington ACTE: they embody the core values of serving their students and being committed to CTE. Learn more about our [past winners](#) and [current winners](#).

Are you interested in reading tips on how to write a strong award nomination, or looking for resources to help you manage your awards program? Check out these resources and more on the new [Awards Resources page](#).

The Excellence Awards are presented at the Washington ACTE Awards Breakfast in conjunction with the [Washington ACTE Summer Conference](#). Please join Washington ACTE at this event celebrating career and technical educators who make a difference in students' lives every day!

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| SECTION LEVEL WACTA WAAE WE-BAM WA-CCER WA-FACSE WITEA HSCTE | Previous Year Section Winners or Current Year Section Winners prior to May 1 |
| STATE LEVEL WASHINGTON ACTE | Section winners go on to the state competition. Nominations must be entered into the awards portal by May 1. Awards are announced at the Summer Conference Awards Breakfast. <i>Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level.</i> |
| REGION LEVEL ACTE REGION V | Washington ACTE state winners go on to the region competition. Applications must be updated and candidate must be a national ACTE member by March 1. Awards are announced at ACTE Region V Conference. |
| NATIONAL LEVEL ACTE | ACTE Region V winners go on to the national competition and are announced during the ACTE CareerTech VISION. |

The Washington ACTE® Excellence Awards recognize excellence and dedication within the field of Career and Technical Education among Washington ACTE members. Recipients of these awards are exceptional individuals who have contributed to the success of CTE through the quality of their work and their involvement in the CTE community. Candidates and winners are recognized at four levels: [section, state, regional, and national](#). The Excellence Awards program has been integrated with [ACTE's High Quality CTE Framework](#).



There are eight (8) Excellence Awards:

Please note: Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level. Non-winning candidates may be re-nominated for the same Excellence Award the following year. Winning candidates may not be nominated for the same or another Excellence Award within 3 years of their win.

- **Teacher of the Year:** This award recognizes the finest career and technical teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students, and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.
 - **Eligibility:** All candidates must be employed as classroom/laboratory CTE teachers at the middle/secondary school level and have at least 5 years of teaching experience at the time of initial nomination. Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level.
- **Administrator of the Year:** This award recognizes administrative CTE professionals at the school, district, county, state, or federal level who have demonstrated leadership in ensuring teacher and student success and have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique, and effective Career and Technical Education programs.
 - **Eligibility:** All candidates must be employed as CTE administrators, program specialists, coordinators, federal or state department of education professionals, or other administrative professionals at the time of initial nomination. Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level.
- **Postsecondary Professional of the Year:** This award recognizes the finest career and technical teachers at the postsecondary level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students, and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.
 - **Eligibility:** All candidates must be employed as CTE teachers at the postsecondary level at the time of initial nomination. Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level.



- **Counseling & Career Development Professional Award:** This award recognizes school counselors and career development professionals who have demonstrated commitment to connecting students with opportunities for success, shown innovation in career exploration and development, and have advocated for CTE as a viable option for all students.
 - **Eligibility:** All candidates must be employed as school counselors and/or career development professionals at the time of initial nomination. Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level.
- **New Teacher of the Year:** This award recognizes new CTE teachers who have made significant contributions toward innovative and unique Career and Technical Education programs and shown a professional commitment early in their careers.
 - **Eligibility:** All candidates must be employed as classroom/laboratory CTE teachers (at the middle, secondary, or postsecondary level) and must be relatively new to the teaching profession (3-5 years' experience) at the time of initial nomination. Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level.
- **Teacher Educator of the Year:** This award recognizes teacher educators who have demonstrated innovation in teacher education, leadership in improving CTE, and commitment to preparing teachers to deliver high quality CTE programs.
 - **Eligibility:** All candidates must be employed as teacher educators at the time of initial nomination. Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level.
- **Community Service Award:** This award recognizes individuals who have used CTE to make a significant impact on their community and demonstrated leadership in programs and activities that promote student involvement in community service.
 - **Eligibility:** All candidates must be current or retired CTE professionals at the time of initial nomination. Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award recognizes CTE professionals for their leadership on behalf of Washington ACTE, their innovations in CTE, and their contributions to the field over an extended period of time.
 - **Eligibility:** All candidates must be current or retired CTE professionals at the time of initial nominations. Candidates must be a WA-ACTE Section winner and must be a WA-ACTE member for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level.

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All Excellence Awards are administered by the Washington ACTE Awards Committee (FAME Committee), which comprises one representative from each of Washington ACTE's seven sections and a chair. Applications for the Washington ACTE Excellence Awards are accepted online via the [ACTE Awards Portal](#). In the event there are no candidates for an award category, the WA-ACTE Executive Committee may submit a nomination.



If you have questions about the Washington ACTE Excellence Awards, please contact taa@wa-acte.org. **Deadline: May 1**