



Washington Association for Career and Technical Education 2017 Member Awards

Member Awards recognize excellence and dedication within the field of Career and Technical Education members. Recipients of these awards are exceptional individuals who have contributed to the success of the quality of their work and their involvement in the CTE community. Candidates and winners are three levels: [state, regional, and national](#) (four levels if starting as a section winner). Beginning in 2017, the Member Awards program will be [ACTE's High Quality CTE Framework](#). New nominations will follow updated guidelines.



All Member Awards are administered by the Washington ACTE FAME Committee, which comprises at least one representative from each of Washington ACTE's nine sections and a chair. Applications for the Washington ACTE Member Awards are accepted online via the [ACTE Awards Portal](#).

There are eight Member Awards presented. Candidates must be Washington ACTE members for at least one year at the time of nomination for consideration at the state level. State winners must be national ACTE members by March 1 to be considered at the Region level.

All candidates must demonstrate at minimum one best practice in CTE as outlined in the [High Quality CTE Framework](#) in order to be eligible to receive the award. For more information on how nominations will be scored, please see the [ACTE Member Awards Scoring Rubric](#).

Nomination Requirements: Each nomination must include the following (incomplete nominations will not be considered):

- a. Description of Candidate's Qualifications for the Award
- b. Two (2) Letters of Support
- c. Photo/Headshot
- d. Interview (at region and national levels) (possible interview at state level)

Nominations must be submitted electronically on the [ACTE Awards Portal](#) by May 1. Nominations may be submitted by the candidate or by a third party. States must choose and submit their winners for regional consideration by March 1. National winners will be selected by the ACTE Awards Committee. Winning candidates permit Washington ACTE, ACTE Region V, and national ACTE to use and edit content of the application for promotional activities.

Teacher of the Year

Purpose: 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 at the time of initial nomination.

Criteria: Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Contributions to student success
- b. Innovations in CTE
- c. Leadership in the local or greater CTE community

Administrator of the Year

Purpose: 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.

Criteria:

- a. Contributions to teacher and student success
- b. Innovations in CTE
- c. Leadership in the local or greater CTE community

Postsecondary Teacher of the Year

Purpose: 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.

Criteria: Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Contributions to student success
- b. Innovations in CTE
- c. Leadership in the local or greater CTE community

Career Guidance Award

Purpose: 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.

Criteria: Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Contributions to student success
- b. Innovations in career exploration and development
- c. Leadership in advocating for CTE as a viable option for all students

Teacher Educator of the Year

Purpose: 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.

Criteria: Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Contributions to success of student teachers and their CTE programs
- b. Innovations in teacher education
- c. Leadership in improving CTE in the local or greater CTE community

New Teacher of the Year

Purpose: 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 (with 3-5 years' experience) at the time of initial nomination.

Criteria: Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Contributions to student success
- b. Innovations in CTE
- c. Leadership in the local or greater CTE community

Community Service Award

Purpose: 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.

Criteria: Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Leadership in furthering community service or improvement
- b. Innovation in integrating community service into their CTE program
- c. Contributions to student learning and success

Lifetime Achievement Award

Purpose: This award recognizes CTE professionals for their leadership on behalf of 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 nomination.

Criteria: Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- a. Leadership in ACTE (local, state, region, or national level)
- b. Innovation in CTE across their professional careers
- c. Contributions to the CTE field and greater CTE community

Resources

- [High Quality CTE Framework](#)
- [Member Awards Scoring Rubric](#)
- [Tips on Writing a Strong Nomination](#)
- [Awards Committee Guiding Principles](#)

Application Process

National Member Award candidates progress through three rounds of review:

1. **State Round:** Candidates begin the application process by nominating themselves (or being nominated by a peer) or being a section winner moving on to the state round. All applications must be uploaded by May 1 and must be WA-ACTE members for at least one year at the time of application. The WA-ACTE FAME Committee selects the winners, which are announced at the WA-ACTE Summer Conference.
2. **Region Round:** State winners are reviewed within their Regions. All state winners must have their applications uploaded to the [ACTE Awards Portal](#) and be ACTE members by the March 1 Region deadline (nonmembers are not eligible to receive Region or national awards). Region winners are selected by their Region awards committees and announced during their Region conferences.
3. **National Round:** Region winners' applications are forwarded to the final round of review via the [Awards Portal](#) by their Region committee chair. The national awards committee selects the national winners, which are announced at the ACTE Awards Banquet during ACTE's CareerTech VISION.



How to Apply and Deadline

Candidates must submit their applications on the [ACTE Awards Portal](#) by the state deadline of May 1.

Other Washington ACTE Awards (Deadline May 1)

In addition to the **Washington ACTE Member Awards**, Washington ACTE also presents the following:

- **[Washington ACTE Achieve 100% Membership Award](#)** for districts and schools that have 100% Washington ACTE membership among their Career and Technical Education staff.
- **[Quality Section Standards Award](#)** for sections that meet the quality standards set by Washington ACTE.
- **[Legislator of the Year](#)** (administered by Washington ACTE's Legislative Committee)
- **[Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship](#)**

If you have questions, please contact taa@wa-acte.org