

**South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education
Award of Merit**

(This award is sponsored only at the state level and doesn't advance to regional or national competition.)

Purpose: The purpose is to recognize organizations outside the field of career and technical education for the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education.

Criteria: Businesses and organizations considered for the Award of Merit must have demonstrated a concern for career and technical education through sponsored programs, publications, financial support and other activities. Nominees who have made contributions of national significance will be most highly rated.

Eligibility: Business firms, industries, online communities, boards of education, boards of trustees, lay citizen groups, state or national committees and any other types of organizations that have contributed significantly to career and technical education are eligible recipients of this award.

Application Procedures: All nominations must come from SDACTE members. Each nominee must be endorsed or sponsored by a Division of SDACTE. The division awards chairperson can contact their division winner to acquire information for the application.

The nomination form is as follows:

Name of Nominee: _____

Title or Occupation: _____

Mailing Address:

(Street or PO Box) (City) State) (Zip)

Work Phone No. _____ E-mail Address: _____

For publicity purposes, please complete the following information so the SDACTE awards chairperson can send news release if this division's nominee is the state winner. Thank you very much!!!

Newspaper Name and address for sending news release if SDACTE winner

Name and Address of Supervisor who should be notified if SDACTE winner

Nominating Division: _____

Contact Person: _____

Summer E-mail Address: _____

School Year E-mail Address: _____

Work Phone No. - _____ Home/Cell Phone No. _____

Include the following support information of not more than one page each in three sections:

- a. Local contributions
- b. State/regional contributions

c. Significant contributions to the field (ag, business/marketing/IT, family and consumer sciences, T&I/Tech Ed.)

*d. Letters of support, limited to a **maximum of two**. Letters should be one page in length.*

Those who could write a letter of support might include: political leaders, professional association leaders, business and industrial leaders, educational leaders, civic leaders, parents, and students.

All materials should be word processed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font on 8 1/2 x 11 sheets with 3/4" margins, left, right, top and bottom. The application form, support information, and letter(s) of support can be attached to the e-mail and sent to the SDACTE Awards Chairperson by 11:59 pm on July 1. Send the e-mail with the attachments to:

Beverly.Rieck@k12.sd.us.