

## South Dakota Awards of Excellence Categories & Information

- A. **Application Process:** The online application for the SDACTE award is accessible at the SDACTE's web site at [www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte](http://www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte) or it can be accessed by going to <http://www.acteonline.org/awards> and click on the large icon that state "Apply Online: Go to the ACTE Awards Portal". Accessing the online application requires each division winner to use his/her membership number which is found on the membership card. The deadline for submitting the online application and letters of reference is **11:59 pm July 1**. A copy of the rubric used by the state, Region V, and ACTE is located at the same web site.

**After July 1**, a panel of judges selected by the SDACTE Chair/Co-Chairs will review the applications in order to select the SDACTE award winners. The SDACTE Chair will then order the plaques so they can be picked up prior to the annual conference.

**SDACTE award winners** will be announced during the annual conference. They have until **11:59 pm March 1** to update their online application so it can be judged at the regional level and national level the following calendar year.

- B. **Award Nominees:** Each division is to select one candidate for each award and submit the list of division winners to the SDACTE Awards Chairperson by January 1.
- C. **Plaques and Monetary Prizes for Award Winners:** Each SDACTE award winner will be presented with a plaque and monetary prize sponsored by Cenex/ Harvest State Foundation. The Teacher of the Year receives a complementary room for the following year's conference.

**D. Awards Presented at SDACTE Banquet:** Only major awards will be made at the SDACTE Banquet. Major awards are defined as the SDACTE sanctioned awards. The following awards are for **PAID MEMBERS** of our organization:

**New Teacher of the Year**

This award recognizes CTE teachers with 3-5 years' experience (at the middle, secondary or postsecondary level) who have made significant contributions toward innovative and unique career and technical education programs and shown a professional commitment early in their careers. Members employed as full-time classroom/laboratory CTE teachers (at the secondary or postsecondary level) who are relatively new to the teaching profession (with 3-5 years' experience) are eligible recipients of this award. **Clarification:** Three to five years' experience is based upon the number of years they have taught from when they were selected at the state level.

**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. Members employed as full-time classroom/laboratory CTE teachers at the middle/secondary school level are eligible recipients of this award.

**Postsecondary Teacher of the Year**

This award recognizes career and technical teachers and teacher educators who have demonstrated excellence and best practices in career and technical education at the postsecondary level. Members employed as full-time postsecondary CTE teachers or teacher educators are eligible recipients of this award.

**Career Guidance Award**

This award recognizes guidance counselors and career development professionals who have made significant contributions to advocate, educate and communicate the value of CTE as a viable career option to a variety of audiences in their communities. Members employed as full-time school counselors and/or career development professionals are eligible recipients of this award.

**Administrator of the Year**

This award recognizes CTE administrators, program specialists/coordinators, and other CTE personnel who have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and effective career and technical programs. Members employed as full-time CTE administrators includes administrators of CTE high schools and administrators of high schools who work with CTE, program specialists, coordinators, and all other CTE personnel and staff (not employed as teachers or guidance professionals) are eligible recipients of this award.

**Carl Perkins Community Service Award**

This award is presented to CTE members who have used CTE to make a

significant impact on a community/humanitarian cause through leadership in programs and activities that promote community involvement. This award was named in honor of the late Congressman Perkins, and is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the same humanitarian concerns exemplified by Congressman Perkins.

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award recognizes the contributions and distinguished accomplishments of members who have been identified with the work and purposes of the Association for Career and Technical Education over an extended period of time.

- E. The following awards are to recognize **NON-MEMBERS** for their support of CTE:

#### **South Dakota Award of Merit**

This award is to recognize individuals or organizations that have made contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of CTE and/or demonstrated a concern for career and technical education through sponsored programs, publications, financial support and other activities. Eligible recipients are business firms, industries, online communities, boards of education, boards of trustees, lay citizen groups, state or national committees and other types of organizations that have contributed significantly to career and technical education. Those who have made contributions of national significance will be most highly rated.

#### **South Dakota Friend of Career and Technical Education Award**

This award is to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of persons, businesses or organizations that have been identified with the work and purposes of SDACTE. This award is a way for the association to provide recognition for the commitment and dedication demonstrated by these individuals, businesses, or organizations.

**NOTE:** Each division is to e-mail the completed applications by 11:59 pm on July 1 to Bev Rieck, SDACTE awards co-chair, at [Beverly.rieck@k12.sd.us](mailto:Beverly.rieck@k12.sd.us).

The application is found on the SDACTE web site [www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte](http://www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte). The division chairperson or someone else from the division can contact the award recipient for necessary information to complete the application form.