Purpose
This award recognizes teacher educators, secondary or postsecondary, who are committed to preparing teachers to deliver high quality CTE programs, demonstrated innovation in teacher education, and leadership in improving CTE.

Eligibility
All candidates must be employed as teacher educators at the time of initial nomination. Candidates must be members of their state ACTE for consideration at the state level. State winners must be national ACTE members by March 1 to be considered at the Region level.

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

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

Nomination Requirements
Each nomination must include the following (incomplete nominations will not be considered):
   A. Description of Candidate's Qualifications for the Award
   B. One (1) Letter of Support
   C. Photo/Headshot
   D. Interview (at region and national levels)

See below for more information on each component.

   A. **Description of Candidate's Qualifications for the Award (1500 words total)**
      Address the following:
      1. How has the candidate supported student teachers in implementing high-quality CTE programs? **Please refer to the High Quality CTE Framework as a guide/reference.** (Ex. student teacher achievements; improvements to their CTE programs) *(500 words max)*

      2. How has the candidate demonstrated innovation in teacher education? (Ex. improvements implemented; new activities or initiatives spearheaded; creative or cutting-edge practices) *(500 words max)*

      3. How has the candidate demonstrated leadership in improving CTE in the local or greater CTE community? (Ex. research conducted on the field; leadership in ACTE or other organizations; partnerships formed with business & industry entities, government organizations and other groups) *(500 words max)*

   B. **Letter of Support**
      Each nomination should include one (1) letter of support recommending the candidate as relates to the above areas. Please submit letters from one of the following: a supervisor, a parent/guardian, a student, an employee, or a community leader.

   C. **Photo/Headshot**
      Each nomination should include a photo/headshot of the candidate. Photos should be digital, high resolution (at least 300dpi), and submitted in .jpg format. Files 2MB or larger are preferred. (*Note: photographs will be used for publicity purposes only*.)

   D. **Interview (for region and national awards)**
      Candidates selected for region consideration may undergo a brief interview with their region awards committee in the spring. All national finalists will conduct a phone interview with the national awards committee in the fall. Candidates will be notified of the interview schedule and process after submission of their nomination.

Nominations should be submitted electronically on the ACTE Awards Portal by **your state's deadline.** Candidates for the ACTE Excellence Awards may nominate themselves for an award or be nominated 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. Region and national winners will be recognized at the ACTE Awards Banquet during CareerTech VISION. *Winning candidates permit ACTE to use and edit content of the application for promotional activities. Non-winning candidates may be re-nominated for the same or another Excellence Award the following year. Winning candidates at the national level may not be nominated for the same or another national ACTE Excellence Award within 3 years of their win.*