TEACHER EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Purpose
This award recognizes post-secondary teacher educators who are committed to preparing and supporting existing educators and college-level majors in delivering high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, demonstrating innovation, teacher education, and leadership in improving CTE.

Eligibility
Candidates must directly support the preparation, development, or advancement of current/future CTE teachers, including postsecondary faculty in teacher preparatory programs, staff/faculty in alternative preparatory programs, those assisting with permanent licensure, and professionals supporting CTE educators outside postsecondary settings. Not eligible: high school educators of secondary-level future educator programs. Must be state ACTE members for state-level recognition; state winners must be national ACTE members by March 1 for regional-level consideration.

Criteria
Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:
1) Contributions to student success
2) Innovations in CTE
3) Leadership in the local or greater CTE community

All candidates must demonstrate at least one best practice in CTE as outlined in the High-Quality CTE Framework to be eligible for 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):
1) Description of Candidate's Qualifications for the Award
2) One (1) Letter of Support
3) Professional Photo/Headshot (5x7, 200 DPI JPEG)
4) Interview (at regional and national levels)

Description of Candidate's Qualifications for the Award (1500 words total) *No Links to more information are allowed.
1) How has the candidate supported new, student, or existing teachers in implementing high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs? Cite the number of the indicator and refer to the High-Quality CTE Framework as a guide/reference. (Ex. student teacher achievements; improvements to their CTE programs) (**500 words max – 16 points)**
2) How has the candidate demonstrated innovation in the field of teacher education? (Ex. improvements implemented; new activities or initiatives spearheaded; creative or cutting-edge practices) (**500 words max – 16 points)**
3) How has the candidate demonstrated leadership in enhancing Career and Technical Education (CTE) within the broader CTE community? (Ex. research conducted in the field; leadership in ACTE or other organizations) (500 words max) 20-point guide/reference. (Ex. Sequencing and articulation; work-based learning opportunities; ensuring Career and Technical Education (CTE) for All. (**500 words max – 16 points)**

Letter of Support
Each nomination should include one letter of support that recommends the candidate in the above areas. Please submit a letter from one of the following: a supervisor, a parent/guardian, a student, an employee, or a community leader.

Professional Photo/Headshot
Each nomination should include a professional photo or headshot of the candidate. The image should be submitted as a 5x7, 200 DPI JPEG file. The photo will be used on the corporate website and at the VISION awards gala. (*Note: Photographs will be used for publicity purposes only*.)

Interview (for regional and national awards) (4 questions – 18 points each - 72/120 Total)
Candidates selected for regional consideration may undergo a brief interview with their regional awards committee in the spring. All national finalists will have an on-camera interview with the national awards committee in the fall. Candidates will be notified of the interview schedule and process after their nomination is submitted. No props are allowed during the interview.

Nominations should be submitted electronically on the ACTE Awards Portal by **your state's deadline.** Candidates for the ACTE Excellence Awards may nominate themselves or be nominated by a third party. States must choose and submit their winners for regional consideration by **March 1. The ACTE Awards Committee will select national winners**. Regional and national winners will be recognized at the ACTE Awards Banquet during CareerTech VISION. *Winning candidates permit ACTE to use and edit the application's content 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 three years of their win.*

Are you the best in CTE? • Do you know someone who is?
To learn more and submit a nomination, visit www.acteonline.org/awards