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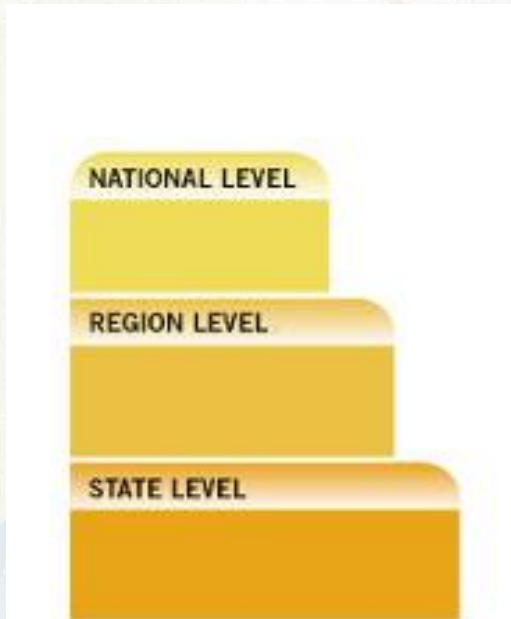
The ACTE® Excellence Awards recognize excellence and dedication within the field of career and technical education among ACTE members. Recipients of these awards are exceptional individuals who have contributed to the success of CTE through the quality of their work and their involvement in the CTE community.

There are eight (8) Excellence Awards:

- ACTE Teacher of the Year
- ACTE New Teacher of the Year
- ACTE Administrator of the Year
- ACTE Postsecondary Teacher of the Year
- ACTE Teacher Educator of the Year
- ACTE Career Guidance Award
- ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award

Information on each can be found on the [ACTE Awards Portal](#).

The Nomination Process



- Nominations begin at the state level; deadlines vary by state
- State winners are eligible to progress onto their Region level (only one winner per category). They must be ACTE members and have their nominations submitted on the Awards Portal by **March 1**.
- Region winners are announced at their respective conferences. Winners move forward automatically for consideration at the national level.
- National winners are announced at ACTE's CareerTech VISION.

The Online Process

Applicants for the Nebraska state awards who are not members of ACTE/ACTEN are able to submit a written application.

<https://actenebraska.org/awards/>

Those individuals who are members of ACTE/ACTEN are to apply for the award through the ACTE portal.

<https://acte.secure-platform.com>

All Region award candidates must be a member of ACTE/ACTEN and submit their nominations online via the ACTE Awards Portal.

The Awards Portal automates several steps of the nomination and review process, saving award chairs time.

Where do nominations come from?

ACTE allows self-nominations for the awards, as well as nominations from peers. For the most part, candidates are either directly nominated or encouraged to nominate by a **colleague, supervisor, or peer**.

States solicit nominations from:

- **Board of Directors**
- **Administrators**
- **Past award winners**
- **Division leaders:** several states charge their Divisions with putting forth a candidate in each award category. Some Divisions hold their own contests/review processes to select a candidate; others seek out a single nominee to put forward.

Helpful tips to access the portal and fill out the application:

ACTE Awards Portal: <https://acte.secure-platform.com>

Upon accessing the awards portal, you will need to login. If you are new to the site, you need to create a login and password. This login and password will allow you to login to additional sites at acteonline.org.

Login Page

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LOGIN

Welcome to the ACTE Awards Portal!

If you are new to the site, please begin by selecting a program from the dropdown menus above. If you are returning, you can view your current and past applications or judging assignments by logging in to the left. If you have questions, please visit our [Help page](#) for more information.

Select the award category for which you are applying, or click on ‘Learn more about the Excellence Awards here’ link.

Nebraska ACTE Awards

Nebraska ACTE administers the ACTE Excellence Awards. State award winners in these categories are eligible to move forward for [Region V](#) consideration. [Learn more about the Excellence Awards here.](#)

[ACTE Teacher of the Year](#)

[ACTE Administrator of the Year](#)

[ACTE Postsecondary Professional of the Year](#)

[ACTE Counseling & Career Development Professional Award](#)

[ACTE New Teacher of the Year](#)

[ACTE Teacher Educator of the Year](#)

[ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award](#)

[ACTE Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

All ACTEN Awards must be submitted by **March 1**. If you have questions about the Nebraska ACTE Awards program, please contact [Murleen Bellinger](#) or [Jean Condon](#). For more information and to view past winners, visit the [ACTEN Awards webpage](#).

The 'Learn more about the Excellence Awards here' link allows you to 'View the Guidelines' to see what the criteria is for that award, or to start the application by clicking on 'Submit a Nomination'.

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.



[View the guidelines](#)



[Submit a Nomination](#)

Administrator of the Year

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.



[View the guidelines](#)



[Submit a Nomination](#)

Postsecondary Teacher of the Year

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



[View the](#)



[Submit a](#)

The first page of the award application is an overview of the award. Make sure you are in the category year 2027.

2027 ACTE Teacher of the Year

Overview → [Candidate Information](#) → [Description of Qualifications](#) → [Letters of Support & Photo](#)

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 and have at least 5 years of teaching experience 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.

Provide the candidate information on the second page of the award application.

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Candidate Name *

ACTE Membership ID#

**Required for consideration at the Region level.*

Division *

Employer *

Title *

Answer the questions as instructed in the
Description of Qualifications page.

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1. How has the candidate contributed to implementing high-quality CTE programs that ensure student success? *

[Please refer to the High Quality CTE Framework as a guide/reference.](#) (Ex. development of standards-aligned and integrated curriculum; contributions that resulted in student achievements, opportunities and innovations; CTSO successes; etc.) (500 words max)

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You must have one Letter of Support and upload a photo of yourself/candidate.

Letters of Support

Each nomination should include two (2) letters of support recommending the candidate as relates to the award criteria. Please submit letters from two of the following: a supervisor, a parent/guardian, a student, an employee, or a community leader.

Letter of Support (1) *

No file chosen

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.)

Photo/Headshot *

No file chosen

Interview

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.

For the state award, you will not be interviewed. However, should you continue on at the national level, you will be interviewed.

The Awards Portal is used for our state, regional, and national award candidates.

Once you complete the initial application, it is used for the regional and national level. You may update the award if you want.

You do not have to complete the award application in one sitting. You can 'Save' and work on it another day as long as it is completed March 1, 2027.



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