



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

DATE: January 19, 2018
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **2017-2018 Career and Technical Education - Creating Excellence Awards Application**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), is pleased to announce the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Creating Excellence Awards for 2017-2018. The secondary and postsecondary awards recognize excellence in the following categories: CTE exemplary programs, advisory committees, and business and industry partnerships. There are three levels of recognition: local, regional, and state. The secondary and postsecondary awards ceremony will be conducted jointly for the regional and state winners.

[Attachment A](#) (Word) contains the following: Fact Sheet; 2018 Local Certificate of Recognition; CTE Secondary Program Award Application; Secondary Advisory Committee Award Application; and the Secondary Business and Industry Partnership Award Application. The application and selection timeline are as follows:

- March 9, 2018 Completion of local judging
- March 16, 2018 Submission of local school division winners to VDOE
- April 12, 2018 Completion of regional/state judging
- May 1, 2018 Notification of regional award winners by VDOE
- June 14, 2018 Recognition of regional and state winners for secondary and postsecondary at the awards luncheon in Richmond

School divisions are encouraged to showcase their “excellence in CTE.” Thank you for your continuing support of career and technical education.

If you have questions, please contact Helen G. Fuqua, Awards Coordinator, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, at CTE@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3119.

SMC/GRW/aab

Attachments:

- A. [Secondary Application Packet](#) (Word)