



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2016-2017 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 2016-2017. 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](#) contains the following: Fact Sheet; 2017 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 10, 2017	Completion of local judging
March 17, 2017	Submission of local school division winners to VDOE
April 6, 2017	Completion of regional/state judging
May 1, 2017	Notification of regional award winners by VDOE
June 8, 2017	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.

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Attachment:

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

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