

## ARKANSAS AWARDS PORTAL 2024

The ACTE awards portal is open **May 01, 2024 - June 30, 2024**. This is *YOUR* time to shine! Interviews will be held at the Saline County Career Technical Center, on July 15. The awards will be presented to the winners at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, July 16. The winners will also be recognized on the AR ACTE website. Please visit [Arkansas ACTE Awards Portal](#) in order to begin your application.

Here are a few "rules" regarding awards:

- You do not have to be nominated in order to complete an application. Any ACTE member can apply. Don't be shy, nominate yourself!
- Those nominated must be an ACTE member to be interviewed/judged. **They do NOT have to be a member upon nomination but should complete membership before July 1, 2024.**
- All applications will be for the **2026 awards**. I understand this might be confusing but this year we are completing applications for 2026 in order to align with the national award rotation (state 2024, region 2025, nationals 2026).
- All applications are due no later than midnight on **June 30, 2024**. There will be NO exceptions.

Each year, ACTE opens up eight award categories. Please read the following and decide where you fit in the best:

- ***ACTE 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. Members employed as full-time classroom/laboratory CTE teachers at the middle/secondary school level are eligible recipients of this award.
- ***ACTE Career Guidance Award***—This award recognizes guidance counselors and career development professionals who have made significant contributions to advocate, educate and communicate the value of CTE as a viable career option to a variety of audiences in their communities. Members employed as full-time school counselors and/or career development professionals are eligible recipients of this award.
- ***ACTE Postsecondary Teacher of the Year***—This award recognizes career and technical teachers and teacher educators who have demonstrated excellence and best practices in career and technical education at the postsecondary level. Members employed as full-time postsecondary CTE teachers or teacher educators are eligible recipients of this award.
- ***ACTE Administrator of the Year***—This award recognizes CTE administrators, program specialists/coordinators, and other CTE personnel who have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and effective career and technical programs. Members employed as full-time CTE administrators, program specialists, coordinators, and all other CTE personnel and staff (not employed as teachers or guidance professionals) are eligible recipients of this award.
- ***ACTE New Teacher of the Year***—This award recognizes CTE teachers with 3-5 years' experience (at the middle, secondary or postsecondary level) who have made significant contributions toward innovative and unique career and technical education programs and shown a professional commitment early in their careers. Members employed as full-time classroom/laboratory CTE teachers (at the secondary or postsecondary level) who are relatively new to the teaching profession (with 3-5 years' experience) are eligible recipients of this award.
- ***ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award***—This award is presented to ACTE members who have used CTE to make a significant impact on a community/humanitarian cause through leadership in programs and activities that promote community involvement. This award was named in honor of the late Congressman Perkins, and is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the same humanitarian concerns exemplified by Congressman Perkins.
- ***ACTE Lifetime Achievement Award***—This award recognizes the contributions and distinguished accomplishments of members who have been identified with the work and purposes of the Association for Career and Technical Education over an extended period of time.

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- ***ACTE Teacher Educator of the Year***—This award recognizes teacher educators who have demonstrated innovation in teacher education, leadership in improving CTE, and commitment to preparing teachers to deliver high quality CTE programs.

Again, the website is [Arkansas ACTE Awards Portal](#). Please use this link to begin your application. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you,

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Arkansas ACTE Awards Chair