# Superintendent’s Memo #320-20


**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

DATE: December 11, 2020

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: 2020-2021 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 2020-2021. 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](http://doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2020/320-20a.docx) (Word) contains the following: Fact Sheet; 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 1, 2021 Completion of local judging

March 12, 2021 Submission of local school division winners to VDOE

April 8, 2021 Completion of regional/state judging

May 3, 2021 Notification of regional award winners by VDOE

June 10, 2021 Announcement of regional and state winners for secondary and postsecondary

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:

1. [Secondary Application Packet](http://doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2020/320-20a.docx) (Word)