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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #232-22**

DATE: September 30, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Nomination Process for Students in Career and Technical Education**

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and since that time, the program has honored almost 8,000 outstanding high school seniors. As the program has expanded from the initial recognition based upon SAT or ACT scores, additional Scholars candidates have been invited to apply for accomplishments in the visual and performing arts or creative writing. Since 2016, the program has also recognized outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in Career and Technical Education (CTE).

The Virginia Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education is accepting nominations of Virginia candidates for 2023 recognition "on the basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields." The Criteria for Candidate Identification and Nomination (**Attachment A**) provides detailed information and lists the categories that will be used by the Commission on Presidential Scholars selection committee.

School divisions are invited to nominate an outstanding senior CTE student for the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. School divisions must submit the application, included here as **Attachment B**, no later than **Friday, November 4, 2022**.

Candidates who are nominated and choose to apply, and whose applications are complete, will be reviewed by a committee of qualified individuals experienced in career and technical education. Five state semi-finalists will be selected and nominated by the Virginia Selection Committee. The U.S. Presidential Scholars program office will invite those nominees to apply in mid-to-late January 2023, completed applications will be due in February 2023, and the Scholars will be announced in mid-May 2023.

For more information

If you have questions, please contact Judith P. Sams, CTE Presidential Scholars Coordinator, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, at CTE@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 371-0196.

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- A. Attachment: [CTE Criteria U.S. Presidential Scholars 2023](#) (DOCX)
- B. Attachment: [CTE U.S. Presidential Scholars Nomination Form 2023](#) (DOCX)