



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Nominations for the Governor's Career and Technical Education Exemplary Standards Awards

The Virginia Career Education Foundation (VCEF) is accepting nominations for the seventh round of Governor's Career and Technical Education Exemplary Standards Awards. The awards program began as part of Virginia's grant from the National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. The standards serve as a key benchmark for Career and Technical Education programs in Virginia that aspire to program improvement and program excellence.

Nominations of outstanding Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs will be accepted through August 15, 2014. All documentation to complete the nomination process must be posted online by the nominee by January 15, 2015. Finalists from the documentation review will have a site visit and interviews to determine award recipients.

The Governor's Career and Technical Education Exemplary Standards, the nomination form and additional application information are available on the VCEF Web site at www.vcef.net. Questions concerning the program may be directed to Dr. Emily Richardson, president, Virginia Career Education Foundation, by e-mail at vcef@cox.net or by telephone at (804) 615-1505.

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