

2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education Program

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. Since 2013, Chief State School Officers have been invited to nominate candidates from their states for the General component of the program. Beginning in 2016, outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in career and technical education (CTE) were included for recognition. This allows the nomination of up to 10 males and 10 females for the General component of the program **AND** up to five (5) additional students for the CTE recognition component, on basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated ability and accomplishment in Career and Technical Education.

We are excited about this component of the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program that now honors students on the basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated ability and accomplishment in Career and Technical Education (CTE) fields. **All high school seniors who are participants of a CTE program graduating between January and June of 2020, who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible.** All 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential Scholars and will receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a ceremony in their honor in Washington, DC.

Nomination Process:

1. Schools will self nominate Career and Technical Education (CTE) students and submit applications to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).
2. All student eligibility requirements must be met with **up to five CTE students nominated per school.**
3. See Nomination/Application form below.
4. Forms can be sent to ISBE with all required supporting documentation. No applications, forms, and supplemental documentation will be returned.
5. All applications mailed to the ISBE must be **postmarked by Friday, October 15, 2020.**
6. Any applications **hand-delivered must be received by Friday, October 15, 2020 by 4 p.m.** and directed to the attention of Kim Barnes-Cummins, College and Career Readiness Division.
7. The top five (5) nominees from Illinois will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (DOE).
8. In mid-January 2020, an invitation and additional application from the U.S. Department of Education will be received by the five (5) Illinois selected Presidential Scholars and their respective schools. The application packet must be filled out and submitted to the U.S. DOE by February 2020, specified by the U.S. D.O.E.
9. U.S. Presidential Scholars in CTE will be announced in May 2020 by the U.S. DOE.

To learn more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on Presidential Scholars, please visit the Web site at: www.ed.gov/psp .



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ILLINOIS NOMINATION FORM FOR
THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS
IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Instructions: Please submit this nomination form along with completed student application. Application must be completed by the nominee and guidance counselor with original signatures and submitted to the address above via regular mail. No electronic submissions, including faxes, will be accepted. **Nomination form and application must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 15, 2019.**

NAME OF STUDENT (Last, First, Middle)	HOME ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)
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NOMINATED BY (Last, First, Middle)	TITLE
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NAME OF INSTITUTION	TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	CEEB CODE (Six digits)
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INSTITUTION ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	E-MAIL (PREFERRED)
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Original Signature of Person Nominating Student

Date



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INSTRUCTIONS: Please type on the form using only a typewriter or computer. You must submit the original plus three (3) additional copies of the application. No electronic submissions, including faxes, will be accepted. Application must contain original signatures.

Applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and submitted to the address above and marked to the attention of Kim Barnes-Cummins, CTE Specialist. For hand deliveries application should be delivered to the above address by 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Should you have any questions, please contact Kim Barnes-Cummins at (217) 524-4832.

NAME OF STUDENT (Last, First, Middle)	TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	
HOME ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	E-MAIL ADDRESS OF STUDENT	
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL	NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	
SCHOOL ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	SCHOOL TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	E-MAIL ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL
NAME OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN	PARENT TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	

Confirmation of Eligibility:

Instructions: Please check boxes to confirm that you have met all eligibility requirements

- U. S. Citizen or Legal Permanent U. S. Resident by the application deadline
- Graduate or receive a diploma between January and June 2020; the current program year
- Demonstrate academic achievement and technical skill in Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Nominated by School District Teacher or Administrator

_____ *Printed Name of Student Nominee* _____ *Original Signature of Student Nominee* _____ *Date*

Selection Criteria:

1. Academic Rigor – Please indicate GPA scale used 4.0 5.0

Please use unweighted GPA's for the following:

- a. Cumulative GPA: _____ (Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) must be met.)
- b. CTE Course GPA: _____ (GPA of all CTE Courses only.)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Coursework

Instructions: Please list all CTE courses received credit/currently enrolled.

SCHOOL YEAR	COURSE	LENGTH OF COURSE (List by semester(s))	CREDIT (C) OR ENROLLED (E)

(Note: Please attach an additional sheet if space does not permit.)

_____ *Printed Name of Guidance Counselor* _____ *Original Signature of Guidance Counselor* _____ *Date*

2. Technical Competence

a. Placing in State and/or national Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) skills competition in his/her career area.

CTSO	STATE OR NATIONAL	COMPETITION	PLACING

b. Earning an industry-recognized certification/credential. (i.e. National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)). The term 'Certification' means a certificate from industry and awarded by a certification body based on an individual's demonstration, through an examination process, that he or she has acquired the designated knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform a specific job.

CERTIFICATE/CREDENTIAL	COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS (Mark C or P)

(Note: Please attach an additional sheet if space does not permit.)

3. Employability Skills

a. Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's)

Instructions: Please indicate your level of involvement in leadership positions in CTSO's (see list below).

LOCAL/STATE/NATIONAL	CTSO	LEADERSHIP ROLE	YEARS

State Recognized CTSOs:

- BPA - Business Professionals of America
- DECA - Marketing Management and Entrepreneurship
- FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America
- FCCLA - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- HOSA - Future Health Professionals
- FFA - Agricultural Education
- Skills USA - Technical, Skilled, and Service Occupations
- TSA - Technology Student Association

3. Employability Skills (continued)

b. Community Service

Instructions: Please list and briefly explain any community service you have completed where CTE skills in your career area have been utilized.
Limit to 500 words or less.

4. Ingenuity–Creativity–Problem Solving

Instructions: Through the application of technical skills developed in your career area, describe any solutions to a real-world problem or development of a new product/good or service you have demonstrated in the classroom, CTSO, workplace or community.

Limit to 500 words or less.