



**U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education
Washington Nomination Application**
Wednesday, November 20 at 5:00 PM
U.S Presidential Scholars Program Details

PURPOSE

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) department of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is seeking CTE student nominations for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The attached application should be used for submitting nominations.

ELIGIBILITY

1. All Washington state high school seniors graduating between January and August of 2020, who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents, and attend a Washington state public or private high school, as well as those who are homeless, and who are involved in a CTE program are eligible to be nominated.
2. Show excellence in the following areas:
 - A. Academic rigor, as calibrated to standard set by the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS), and based in part on their high achievement reflected on their State's academic assessments in the core academic subjects:
 - i. An overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (unweighted).
 - ii. Grade point average in their selected career pathway of 3.25 with no grade below a 'B.'
 - B. Technical competence as demonstrated by one or more of the following:
 - i. Completion of a work-based, or community-based, learning experience (Note: The term 'work-based learning' means a program of structured work experiences such as; internships, on-the-job training, apprenticeships, school-based enterprises, and Supervised Entrepreneurial Experiences that is coordinated with classroom based learning, and that is designed to enable students to learn and apply career and technical education skills and knowledge in a work context).
 - ii. Placing a medal in State and/or national Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) skills competition in his/her career area.
 - iii. Earning an industry-recognized certification/credential.

- C. Employability skills as demonstrated by *one or more* of the following:
- i. Completion of a work-based learning experience that is an integral part of the curriculum of the program of study.
 - ii. Leadership role in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) at local, state, or national level.
 - iii. Completion of a community service project or other student leadership activity in his/her career area of interest.
 - iv. Scores at the Gold Level in each of the three core areas of the National Career Readiness Certificate (i.e., Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information), which means that the student has the foundations skills for approximately 90% of jobs examined.
- D. Ingenuity/Creativity/Problem Solving as demonstrated by *one or more* of the following:
- i. Solution to a real-world problem (e.g., developed electric car that goes faster than any before).
 - ii. Development of a new product/good or service (e.g., development of an app).

PROCESS

Nominations should originate from school districts. Candidates should have demonstrated leadership; school and community involvement; and may receive discretionary points for extraordinary achievement, heavy workload, family responsibilities, or obstacles which they overcame.

To nominate a student, please complete the enclosed nomination form and submit via email no later than **5 pm on November 20, 2019** to: cte@k12.wa.us

An email will be sent to all schools, which submitted nominations in November, announcing the results.

SELECTION OF NOMINEES

The committee will evaluate the nominations. Not all students who have applied are guaranteed selection, as nominations are limited.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

To learn more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on the Presidential Scholars, visit <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html>.

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Samantha L. Sanders, CTE Assistant Director, at 360-725-6259 or email samatha.sanders@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

Attachment: U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education Nomination Form

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