



2017 Kansas CTE Scholar OVERVIEW

The **KANSAS CTE SCHOLAR** initiative is an opportunity to recognize well-rounded outstanding Career and Technical Education (CTE) students finishing their senior year of high school.

OVERVIEW:

Local school staff will determine whether a student has successfully met the **Kansas CTE Scholar** criteria explained below, and submit the submission form and documentation by MARCH 15. (See page 2 for additional information.)

Senior students who earn Kansas CTE Scholar status will receive a commemorative pin, special certificate and statewide recognition.

There is no maximum number of students who can be recognized by KSDE. The intent of the program is to offer students the incentive to earn recognition for success within CTE.

A sample application form has been created for your local use. Red italics indicate local information that is needed before release.

CRITERIA

Students should complete the application and submit it to their locally identified person who will then review, verify and forward to KSDE if all benchmarks are met. The seven criteria are as follows.

- **Senior level** status
- Have earned or presently enrolled in **3.0 or more CTE credits**.
- Documentation of **technical skill attainment**
- **CTE GPA of 3.5 or better** in CTE coursework
- Demonstrated **leadership**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Professional Learning Experiences**
- **Career Vision Summary Statement**

Further explanation of criteria can be found below:

Senior Level Status — The CTE Scholar candidate must be a senior. Work may begin prior to their senior year, but recognition is limited to seniors.

CTE Credits — A student must have completed a minimum of 3.0 CTE credits with at least 2 of the 3 credits above the introduction level. Credits can be across Pathways if career goals aren't aligned within one Pathway. CTE courses are identified by the KCCMS code and are limited to those found on a Pathway design sheet. The Pathway isn't required to be locally offered.

Technical Skill Attainment — Technical skills must be documented to illustrate attainment. A **minimum of one** of the following must be earned and verified:

- Earn a passing score on a third party, end of Pathway assessment; **or**
- Earn an industry-recognized certification; **or**
- Receive an exemplary CTSO contest medal or placement at the state or national level; **or**
- Complete an application level course with 80 percent competency achievement **or** passing grade with industry validation

CTE Course GPA — A CTE GPA in CTE courses above the introduction level must be 3.5 or higher to qualify for CTE Scholar recognition. CTE courses are identified by the KCCMS code and are limited to those found on a Pathway design sheet. The Pathway isn't required to be locally offered.

Leadership — Leadership can be community, school or business activities and/or offices held, such as in CTSO work. A typed letter of reference is required from a person who can verify the leadership took place. The letter must be from a nonrelative and explain the leadership observed. It should be addressed to KSDE, as it will be forwarded if CTE Scholar status is achieved.

Community Engagement — Demonstrating concern for community is important for a well-rounded CTE Scholar. Volunteering, service learning, community project or CTSO activities are all examples. However, the candidate must have been the leader to count it toward the minimum total hours.

A minimum of 25 hours of community engagement is required of the CTE Scholar candidate. It can be cumulative over the candidate's high school years. This can be more than one event, location or agency/organization. Verification of hours is required by a supervisor or supervisors.

Professional Learning Experience/Employability Skills — Professional learning experiences are an important part of a CTE experience as they provide technical skill application and require appropriate employability skills in action. These experiences can include in-house training, internships, clinicals, supervised agricultural experiences, volunteer work or student-led businesses located on or off the school campus. The experiences should reflect the career interests of the candidate and industry expectations. A minimum of 80 hours of experience is expected prior to submission. This is limited to one page.

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2017 Kansas CTE Scholar Overview

An outline of professional learning experiences with employability skills gained from it must be compiled. It should be titled "My Professional Learning Experiences Outline" with the candidate's name beneath it.

A maximum of 175 words is allowed for the outline. This will be forwarded to KSDE if CTE scholar status is achieved.

Career Vision Summary Statement — A summary of the candidate's personal career vision and achievement plans is required. If a candidate has CTE courses that fall outside one Pathway, this is an opportunity to explain how this allowance helps them meet their career vision. This document should be titled "My Career Vision" with the candidate's name beneath it.

A maximum of 175 words is allowed. This will be forwarded to KSDE if CTE scholar status is achieved.

KANSAS CTE SCHOLAR SUBMISSION FORM:

A submission form is to be completed and submitted to KSDE with indicated documentation prior to midnight on the deadline date. This equals a maximum of five pages.

The local administrator (or their designee) should complete the verification and submission.

Submission form with documentation is to be **emailed as one document under the subject line "2017 CTE Scholar Submission — USD# — first initial, then last name."**

Each candidate should be **submitted in a separate email** to allow for tracking and expedited processing. A **received response will be sent**.

KSDE processing will take place within 30 days of the deadline.

RECOGNITION:**

KSDE recognition will include:

- CTE Scholar recipient announcement as part of the April Kansas State Board of Education meeting.
- Letter to each CTE Scholar
- Commemorative pin (see design below)
- Certificate with student name
- Statewide news release
- KSDE web recognition
- Sample award script will be provided for local use.

Locally, additional recognition is encouraged. Examples include:

- Graduation recognition cords



Commemorative Pin Design

- Pin awarding at a special all-school assembly or community event
- Local newspaper feature
- Local board of education recognition
- Listing of achievement on Scholar's transcript (strongly encouraged)

(**NOTE: Postsecondary scholarships and workforce benefits are being explored.)

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