



2025 Nomination/Application Information

History of the Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award

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To qualify, a candidate must meet one of the following:

- **CTE Teacher:** A certified educator currently teaching Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses, while actively pursuing further professional growth through an advanced degree in CTE, continuing education units (CEUs), workforce education and development courses, certifications, or other professional development opportunities.
- **CTE Teacher Candidate:** An individual with relevant workforce experience who is currently teaching Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses. While they may not yet hold a teaching degree, they are actively pursuing qualifications such as a CTE teaching degree, workforce development courses, certifications, or professional development opportunities.

Candidate Nomination Process

- To recommend an individual for the Carl J. Schaefer Memorial award complete the below nomination form and email to Lisa Brauher at lisa.brauher@nocti.org.
- Nominations will be accepted **through Wednesday, October 15, 2025**.

APPLICANT/NOMINEE PROCESS

- Complete the below application.
*NOTE: **You do not need to be nominated to apply for this award.***
- Submit the following supporting documentation along with your application.
 - Resume or CV.
 - Letter of recommendation from a teacher education administrator or faculty member. *If you were nominated for this award and the nomination materials have been received, you do not need a letter of recommendation.*
 - A letter of intent, showing what you will use the money for if awarded or verification of enrollment in a teacher education degree, licensure, or certification program.
 - If enrolled in a college or university, a copy of your unofficial college/university transcript.
Not mandatory but will be considered.
 - A score report verifying completion of a relevant NOCTI teacher test.
- Email your application materials to lisa.brauher@nocti.org.
- The application and supporting documentation must be received by **Wednesday, October 22, 2025**, to be considered for this award.

NOTIFICATION

- Candidates will be notified with the results in late October.

QUESTIONS

- Contact Lisa Brauher by email at lisa.brauher@nocti.org, or call 800.334.6283 ext. 258.

Previous winners of the Carl J. Schaefer award and NOCTI staff are not eligible to apply.

A list of previous winners can be found on [NOCTI's website](#)



2025 Application

All application materials must be typed.

1. Contact Information:

Name: _____

Title: _____

School/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please check one of the below boxes indicating the best way to contact you.

☐ Work Phone: _____ ☐ Cell Phone: _____

☐ Email: _____

2. If enrolled in a college or university, please complete the following:

College/University attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Major: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Number of Credits Completed to Date: _____

Expected Date of Degree Completion: _____



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3. When and where did you complete a NOCTI Assessment? *Completion of a NOCTI teacher test is desired, but not mandatory.*

Date Completed _____ Location _____

4. How did you learn about the Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award?

- ☐ NOCTI Webpage
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Co-worker
- ☐ Other _____

5. Which award are you applying for? (See descriptions on page three.)

- ☐ CTE Teacher
- ☐ CTE Teacher Candidate

6. Why are you the best candidate for this award?



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Award Recipients

- The awardees, one CTE teacher and one CTE teacher candidate, will receive a plaque and \$500 to be used toward education-related expenses (tuition/fees for a course, books, or other education-related expenses).

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1. Your Contact Information *(must be typed)*

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. I would like to recommend the following individual for the Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award *(must be typed)*

Name: _____

Title: _____

School/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

3. Which award are you nominating the individual for? See page three for descriptions.

☐ CTE Teacher

☐ CTE Teacher Candidate

4. Notification of Recommendation -

☐ I prefer to have NOCTI notify the individual named above that I have recommended them.

☐ I wish to remain anonymous.

5. How did you learn about the Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award?

- ☐ NOCTI Webpage
- ☐ Constant Contact
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Co-worker
- ☐ Other _____

6. Briefly explain why you think the above-named individual should be considered for the Carl J. Schaefer Memorial Award.