



## 2027 Nomination/Application Information

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### About the Award

The **John C. Foster Excellence Award** recognizes and celebrates exceptional students in Career and Technical Education (CTE). This award honors the legacy of Dr. John C. Foster, a lifelong champion of CTE and former President/CEO of NOCTI/Nocti Business Solutions, who dedicated his career to supporting the CTE mission and advancing its impact on students, communities, and industries. This award highlights the power of CTE to shape the future workforce and recognizes the achievements of students who go above and beyond in their programs.

### Award Details

This \$500 award recognizes students enrolled in a CTE program who exemplify innovation, leadership, and commitment. Students must demonstrate their technical skills, contributions to their communities or employers, and alignment with the values of CTE. Secondary or postsecondary students may be nominated by an educator, mentor, or employer.

### Submission Requirements

Students must be nominated, and the nomination must include:

1. A **300-word description** of why the student deserves the award.
2. An **impact statement** detailing the student's contributions to an employer and/or community.
3. A **3-minute video** showcasing the student's skills, accomplishments, and alignment with the award's criteria. An existing video about the student's community service that was on social media may be submitted as a substitution.
4. **One letter of recommendation** from an educator, mentor, employer, or community representative (someone other than the nominator).

### Nomination Process

1. Complete the nomination form on the following pages.
2. Submit the required elements to [nocti@nocti.org](mailto:nocti@nocti.org). Use the subject line: "John C. Foster Excellence Award Nomination."
3. The video may be sent as a link or, if too big to email, can be mailed to NOCTI at 500 N. Bronson Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307.
4. Nominations deadline is April 1, 2027.

### Scoring

Submissions will be evaluated based on the extent to which the student demonstrates the following criteria: Technical Skill and CTE Excellence; Leadership, Initiative, and Professionalism; Impact on Employer, School, or Community; Alignment with the Spirit and Values of CTE; and the overall quality of the submission materials.

### Key Dates

- **Applications Due:** April 1, 2027
- **Winner Announced:** April 16, 2027



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### Nominator's Contact Information

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee Information

Name:

School:

CTE Program:

### Impact Statement (Evidence-Based)

Describe the student's specific contributions to an employer, organization, or community. Include concrete examples, outcomes, or measurable results where possible.



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### **Award Justification (Value-Based)**

What distinguishes this student from others, and why do these contributions merit special recognition through this award? (300-word limit)

### **Have you included the following items?**

3-Minute Video showcasing the student's skills, accomplishments, and alignment with the award's criteria.

One letter of recommendation from an educator, mentor, employer, or community representative. (someone other than the nominator)