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**U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS IN CTE PROGRAM
2016-'17 SCHOOL YEAR**

[DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: NOVEMBER 4, 2016]

PROGRAM BACKGROUND:

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. **In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.** Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

In order to be eligible for nomination, students must meet the following **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- Student must be nominated on the attached "STUDENT NOMINATION FORM" by November 4, 2016, with all sections complete; and
- Student must be a high school senior AND a participant in a state approved career technical education (CTE) program;
- Student will graduate or receive a diploma between January and June of 2017, the current program year; and
- Student must demonstrate proficiency and achievement in four areas: Academics, Technical Skills, Employability Skills/College & Career Readiness, and Ingenuity/Creativity/Problem Solving.

NOMINATION FORM: Fill out [Nomination Form online](#).

PROCESS TIMELINE:

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| November 4, 2016 | Deadline for nominations to Vermont Secretary of Education |
| November 23, 2016 | Deadline for Secretary of Education to announce Vermont's CTE nominees to the U.S. Presidential Scholar's program |
| Mid-January, 2017 | Nominees invited to apply to the program |
| February, 2017 | Completed applications due from nominees to the U.S. Presidential Scholars program office |
| May, 2017 | Scholars announced by the U.S. Presidential Scholars program office |