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**VERMONT PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS IN CTE PROGRAM
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR
[DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: NOVEMBER 2, 2018]**

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. The program was expanded in 2015 to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for nomination, students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Student must be nominated via the link below by close of business on Friday, November 2, 2018, with all sections complete;
- Student must be a high school senior AND a participant in a state approved career technical education (CTE) program with priority given to students in programs of study that are viewed as an economic priority for Vermont and the nation (Healthcare, IT, Advanced Manufacturing, STEM, Transportation, Agriculture, Construction, and Hospitality & Tourism);
- Student will graduate or receive a diploma between January and June of 2019, the current program year; and
- Student must demonstrate proficiency and achievement in four areas: Academics, Technical Competence, Employability Skills/College & Career Readiness, and Ingenuity/Creativity/Problem Solving.

PROCESS TIMELINE

November 2, 2018	Deadline for nominations to Vermont Secretary of Education Fill out Nomination Form online .
November 26 – 29, 2018	Schools and Nominees are informed of results
January 2019 (Date TBD)	Reception for scholars and parents at the Vermont State House
Week of January 21, 2019	Nominees invited to apply to the U.S. program
February 26, 2019	Completed applications due to the U.S. program office
May 2019	U.S. Presidential Scholars announced by the U.S. Department of Education

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