



2026 PACTESP Professional Award

Outstanding Career and Technical Special Populations Teacher or Teacher/Paraeducator Team

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DIRECTIONS

OBJECTIVE

This award is intended to recognize a classroom teacher or a team of one teacher and one paraeducator teaching identified special populations students in a PDE-approved career and technical education program.

NOMINEE CRITERIA

The nominee should demonstrate the following:

- Has a positive impact on the education of special populations students;
- Has the respect of peers, students, parents, and business/community members;
- Demonstrate professionalism and pride in their school and profession; and
- Has a passion for the promotion of career and technical education.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The PACTESP Board recognizes the personal dedication that is represented by each nomination. Following are the requirements for submission:

- Each section in the nomination application must be completed.
- The nominator should provide sufficient information for the review committee to evaluate the application fairly.
- One written Letter of Recommendation from a school administrator must be provided after the application form has been submitted. Email documents to info@pactesp.org.

NOMINATOR INSTRUCTIONS

The nominator will provide the following information.

- Describe how the teacher or teacher/paraeducator team utilizes specially designed instruction or other instructional strategies to support special populations students in a career and technical education program.
- Describe how the nominee(s) inspires learning in students, their views of how students learn best, and their goals for educating special populations students.
- Describe specific examples of how the nominee(s) has provided a meaningful and supportive environment.
- Submit one written Letter of Recommendation from a school administrator. Additional supporting documentation may also be sent.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact PACTESP with any questions at info@pactesp.org. This nomination application must be submitted by **January 9, 2026**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the nomination application.