

2018 Selection Criteria

ACT State Councils will consider the following from applicants:



Workforce Champion

The ACT College and Career Readiness Workforce Champion has created or led a program that positively impacts their company and community through improved hiring practices, apprenticeships/internships, or community leadership.

- Full-time employee at a for-profit or not-for-profit company or organization in any role
- Individual's program or initiative has included community partnerships (education institutions, chambers of commerce, Work Ready Community, etc.)
- Applicant includes examples of program's return on investment and its ability to be replicated as a best practice

You may submit your own application for this award, or you may submit an application on someone else's behalf. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to be employed by a company or organization that uses the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) or ACT WorkKeys or participates in an ACT Work Ready Communities (WRC) initiative.



Postsecondary Champion

The ACT College and Career Readiness Postsecondary Champion is an individual who assists underrepresented or underserved students in navigating their future educational and professional career.

- Full-time professional making a difference for students in their role at a postsecondary/higher education institution
- Individual who works directly with underrepresented student populations
- Examples of potential applicants include individuals who work in recruitment, advising, education, retention, financial aid, placement, or other student services areas

You may submit your own application for this award, or you may submit an application on someone else's behalf. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to be employed by institutions that utilize ACT solutions, research, or data.



K-12 Champion

The ACT College and Career Readiness K-12 Champion is an individual who has created or led a program that positively impacts their organization and community through improved readiness for college and career opportunities.

- Full-time employee at a secondary school or district in any role
- Individual's program or initiative promotes college and career readiness, particularly for underrepresented students
- Examples of potential applicants include teachers, counselors, support staff, principals, curriculum directors, intervention specialists, district administrators

You may submit your own application for this award, or you may submit an application on someone else's behalf. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to be employed by institutions that have a significant percentage of students taking ACT solutions, or that require or that strongly encourage all of their students to take a college admissions assessment.



Student Champion*

The ACT College and Career Readiness Student Champion is tenacious and persistent, no matter the challenge, and is prepared for life after high school with a goal in mind and a plan in place.

- A student who has overcome challenges and can articulate education and career actions
- Students must have a composite ACT score of a 22 on a single test date or a 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale
- Preference will be given to underrepresented or first-generation college students.

Students will fill out their own applications.

*Applicants must be members of the graduating class of 2018 who have taken the ACT. Special consideration will be given to underrepresented or first-generation students.