

Oklahoma ACTE 2009 Kaleidoscope Award

PURPOSE

The Kaleidoscope Award has been established to recognize those entities that embrace and promote diversity. Sincere commitment to processes and activities that promote a pluralistic campus, community, or agency must be demonstrated. These processes and activities must be aimed at developing, improving, and promoting awareness of and opportunities for integrating multiculturalism, gender equity, and those with physical disabilities into career and technology education programs.

EXAMPLES of processes and activities may be, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Minority Intern/Extern programs.
- Implementing strategies to enhance job placement and upward mobility that reflect a diverse population.
- Diversity education and/or in-service programs for staff.
- Incorporating diversity within print and/or visual media such as curriculum, brochures, recruitment materials, etc.
- Developing processes and/or activities for recruiting and retaining a professional, multicultural staff.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant(s) must be a member of ACTE, Oklahoma ACTE, their Oklahoma ACTE Division and be actively engaged in CareerTech.
- Project/Activity must have been started or completed within the current fiscal or calendar year
- Applicant(s) must furnish evidence that the project/activity has been incorporated into the school/division/agency/individual's regular processes, activities and/or responsibilities.
- Applicant(s) must demonstrate that project/activity is "above and beyond" and not a part of regular job duties.
- A previous Kaleidoscope Award winner may reapply each year with new processes/activities and is eligible for all other Oklahoma ACTE (ACTE) awards except the Oklahoma ACTE (ACTE) Pride Award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants should submit information written in the 3rd person context rather than the 1st. Events should be dated and listed with the most recent first. All materials must be submitted electronically (in Word, PDF, or .jpg).

Applications for this award must include:

1. Nomination Form (Form B).
2. Official Endorsement Form (Form C).
3. A program description that includes the following sections (limit to a total of two pages):
 - Introduction.
 - Theme and/or purpose.
 - Project description.
 - Audiences targeted
 - Project's relationship to program's objectives.
 - How project goes above and beyond applicant's regular job duties.
 - Impact on students, community, school staff, etc.
4. Photographs: (digital photographs should be at least 300 dpi and in a .jpg format).

All materials must be submitted electronically as a complete package. No supplementary materials may be submitted; items not outlined above will be discarded before judging. All procedures must be followed for an application to be considered. Applications that do not follow these procedures will be rejected.

NOMINATION/SELECTION PROCESS

The Oklahoma ACTE Diversity Action committee will select a recipient from the nominations received. Recipient will be recognized at Summer Conference.

Selection will be based on the quality and extent of the project, not on the display. The Oklahoma ACTE Kaleidoscope winner will be announced at the Oklahoma ACTE General Session.

DEADLINE

All materials must be submitted as a complete package. No supplementary materials may be submitted. Items not outlined above will be discarded before judging. All procedures must be followed for an application to be considered. Applications that do not follow these procedures will be rejected.

The packet must be submitted to charder@okacte.org in the Oklahoma ACTE office by 5:00 p.m., April 30, 2009.