

ACT College and Career Readiness Champions provides states with a platform to recognize individual efforts in college and career readiness in the following categories:

High school senior - K-12 professional - Postsecondary professional - Workforce professional









ACT College and Career Readiness Champions personify the mission of ACT through intentional actions that create an atmosphere and culture which promotes college and career readiness for *all*.

ACT State Councils, comprised of education and workforce professionals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, lead the initiative in their respective states. ACT Councils drive application efforts and serve as the selection committee to determine state champions.

ACT State Councils look beyond academics when assessing applicants:

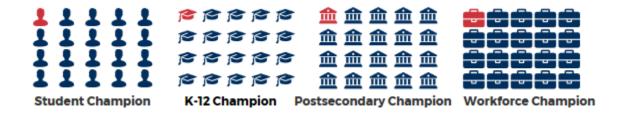
- The ACT College and Career Readiness Student Champion is tenacious and persistent, no matter the challenge, and is prepared for life after high school with a goal in mind and a plan in place.
- The ACT College and Career Readiness K-12 Champion is an individual who has created or led a program that positively impacts their organization and community through improved readiness for college and career opportunities.
- 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.
- 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.

## **Application Process**

High school seniors, K-12 professionals, postsecondary and workforce professionals may be nominated by a colleague, supervisor, ACT State Council, or self-nominate.

Applications consist of academic indicators, demographic data, and short essays.

ACT State Councils will accept applications until **December 31, 2017**.



ACT State Councils determine state champions. If you are selected as your state champion, you will be notified on or before April 2, 2018.





State champions will receive recognition awards and certificates. In addition, student state champions will receive a \$500 nonrenewable scholarship.





