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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for THE 2015- 2016 VANGUARD AWARD

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Overview:

The 2015-2016 Vanguard Award Applications are now Open

Details:

The Nontraditional Employment & Training Program at the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society, University at Albany is pleased to announce that it is accepting nominations for the 2015-2016 Vanguard Awards. Please nominate outstanding secondary and post secondary students who are pursuing career & technical education programs that are nontraditional for their gender for this prestigious award. Deadline for submitting a nomination is November 19, 2015.

The Vanguard Award is administered by the New York State Nontraditional Employment & Training (NET) Project, Center for Women in Government & Civil Society, and is sponsored by the New York State Education Department through a Carl D. Perkins grant. The award recognizes outstanding secondary and postsecondary level students who are enrolled in CTE programs that are not traditional for their gender. A nontraditional career is an occupation where one sex comprises fewer than 25% of the total employed. Please visit the NET website at www.netprogram.org for a complete list of these occupations.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NET WEBSITE AT WWW.NETPROGRAM.ORG

Phase 1: Faculty Nomination of Students

Students must be nominated by faculty/staff of nontraditional CTE programs. In order to nominate a student, the student must be:

- Enrolled (2015-16 school year) in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program that is nontraditional for their gender.
- Enrolled in high school or a post-secondary institution.
- Attending a NYS school and is a NYS resident.
- Schools may submit multiple nominations. Please complete a separate form for each student you nominate.

Phase 2: Selection of Finalists

A Committee of the NET program staff and stakeholders will review all nominations. Nominees are rated and ranked. The top 16 nominees are selected. Finalists are announced through email. All nominators receive an email from the NET Project announcing the names of the Vanguard Award finalists, along with their institution name. This email will be sent to all nominators and the CTE community on December 14, 2015.

Phase 3: Submission of Essays by Nominees

All students selected as finalists will be contacted individually by email as will nominators. Students are required to write an essay discussing their interest in nontraditional occupations and submit to the NET program. The details of the essay will also be emailed to both the student and the nominator along with the guidelines and deadline for submission.

Phase 4: Selection of Award Winners

The NET program Selection Committee reviews essays of the 16 finalists and select 8 award winners. Award winners and their nominees are notified and invited to the Vanguard celebration in April.

Phase 5: Vanguard Celebration

Vanguard award winners and their guests are invited to a dinner in their honor in Albany, New York, followed by a Vanguard certificate ceremony and breakfast the next day. All travel expenses and accommodations are covered by the NET program. All award winners will also be interviewed. Videotaped interviews will be placed on the NET website to inspire others to follow in their footsteps. The NET Project will issue a press release from the University at Albany that is picked up by media outlets in the finalists and winners hometowns.

TIMELINE FOR VANGUARD

- Vanguard Award applications available online: September 25, 2015
- Faculty/teacher nominations due by November 19, 2015
- Finalists selected & notified: December 14, 2015
- Student Essays due by: January 27, 2016
- Winners notified on February 10, 2016
- Vanguard Award Dinner: April 7, 2016
- Vanguard Award ceremony at ACTEA conference: April 8, 2016

Please complete all Forms and send by mail or fax to the following:

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