



VSBA Excellence in Workforce Readiness Award

The VSBA would like to invite you to apply for the annual *Excellence in Workforce Readiness* award. This award seeks to recognize Virginia School Divisions who have achieved excellence in Workforce Readiness through an innovative program/project within your school community or in a regional collaboration with emphasis on:

- communication and collaboration with the business community;
- student engagement with the business community; or
- student entrepreneurial activities.

One submission per school division/region.

VSBA has included a Regional Category for program submissions to reflect the growing number of collaborations between school divisions in workforce readiness. The Regional Category is for any two or more school divisions currently working with Program Partners outside the school division in advancing excellence in Workforce Readiness through innovative programs/projects across school division boundaries. Individual school divisions submitting a Regional Category may submit an individual application of a program within the school division. The individual application must be independent and not part of the Regional Category.

The entry must be approved by the school board/boards at a school board meeting.

All entries must be submitted by the deadline of May 15, 2023. No entries will be accepted after 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2023.

Please send applications and direct questions to, J.T. Kessler, Director of Legislative Services, at 800-446-8722, 434-295-8722 or e-mail jason@vsba.org.

Please provide a valid e-mail address when completing the entry form. This is how we will communicate with you about your entry.

All entries must be submitted electronically. Photos and links to videos may be submitted as long as the information is included in the electronic award packet.

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Please Note: All fields are required unless specified as optional.

Participation in VSBA initiatives and observances is optional. School boards in Virginia have the discretion on whether to participate locally. Any related materials from the Association are shared as suggested ideas for implementation for any board that may choose to do so.



VSBA *Excellence in Workforce Readiness* Award Entry Form

School Division or School Divisions for Regional Submissions

Please select one:

- Under 5,000 student population
- 5,001- 10,000 student population
- 10,001+ student population
- Regional Application

Name of Program/Initiative

Program Partners (outside of the school division/divisions)

Contact Person and Title

School Division(s) Mailing Address

Phone Number

Fax Number

School Board Chair(s) Signature

Superintendent(s) Signature

Program Description

(Please attach each answer on a separate piece of paper. Please use Arial 11pt. font when answering each question)

1. What were the processes employed, the strategies used, and the desired outcomes of this program/project for the school/division? (500 words or less)
 - a. Processes detail the procedure, methods, best practices, business community involvement, student engagement
 - b. Desired outcomes demonstrate goal setting, measurable outcomes and the attainment of the objective(s)
 - c. Strategies are clearly defined, describe how the strategies met the desired outcome, and explain how the strategies can be replicated
2. In what specific ways does the program/project help to prepare students to be workforce ready? (500 words or less)
 - a. Describe how the workplace readiness skills were incorporated in the project
 - b. Identify how the skill set required for high-skill, high-wage jobs for workforce readiness were addressed
3. How was your school board, community, business and industry, and/or other entities engaged in this program/project?? (500 words or less)
 - a. Detail the engagement of the school board and how the school board collaborated on the program
 - b. Detail the engagement and collaboration of external entities including the community and business and industry
4. Explain how the division met desired outcomes of the program/project? (500 words or less)
 - a. Identify qualitative and/or quantitative data prior to program/project implementation
 - b. Identify qualitative and/or quantitative data post program/project implementation
5. Why does this program/project deserve recognition? (500 words or less)
 - a. Demonstrate the innovation and/or best practice(s) of the program/project
 - b. Evaluation of the program
 - c. Replication of such program at the local, regional, state levels



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Acknowledgement and Disclaimer

I certify that this nomination is being made with approval of the school board/boards through an official vote at a school board meeting.

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Submitted by:

Name and Title

School Division

Email Address and Phone Number