



BMITE Business, Marketing and
Information Technology Education

Monday Madness - March 1, 2021

FY22 Lottery Grant Applications Extended to March 8

FY22 (2021-22) lottery grant applications have been extended **through March 8**. Remember, if you received a K12 lottery grant this year, you must wait a year to apply again. [Click here](#) for information and links to download the grant application.

Career Exposure Week

Oklahoma Works is planning a Career Exposure Week on March 1-5, 2021. Learn about high-demand, high-paying careers in businesses and industries that drive Oklahoma's economy and critical occupations. Registration: www.oklahomaworks.gov/careerexposureweek.

CareerTech Virtual Job Fair

The graphic features a large blue circle with three orange stars at the top and bottom. A green banner with white text reads "SAVE THE DATE". Below this, the text "CareerTech VIRTUAL JOB FAIR" is displayed in a colorful, stylized font. To the right, there is a list of bullet points and a date. At the bottom, there is an illustration of diverse professionals and workers, and the Oklahoma CareerTech logo.

Please join us for a statewide virtual job fair for all CareerTech students!

April 7, 2021

Students: Give yourself the best chance for employment by connecting with hundreds of Oklahoma businesses!

- Engage in one-on-one interviews for open positions.
- Learn about businesses through interactive group sessions with recruiters.
- Upload resumes, work samples and more.

For more info, check out: okcareer.tech/jobfair

OKLAHOMA CareerTech

This event targets students who are in their final year of a CareerTech training program and looking to enter the workforce or participate in an internship opportunity. Students in a high school setting should be seniors who are participating in a capstone course and plan to enter the workforce upon graduation.

RSVP to participate in this event with a point-of-contact for your school. Send information and questions to aj.crowell@careertech.ok.gov or 405.743.5105.

Oklahoma's First Making Schools Work Virtual Conference

The *Making Schools Work* virtual conference will showcase best practices and strategies implemented by high schools and technology centers across the state. In addition, the conference will provide administrators, teachers and counselors with opportunities to engage with both state and SREB leaders.

This conference is for ALL administrators, teachers, counselors and other educators from high schools as well as technology centers. You do not have to be a part of the *Making Schools Work* network in order to attend. Attendees have access to over 40 sessions, including unconference lunch discussions and keynote/featured speakers.

Registration:

Each individual should register for the conference using the [Google Registration Form \(link provided here\)](#). The deadline for registration is **March 12, 2021**.

BPA Updates

State Leadership Conference competition is well under way! Best of luck to all competitors!

Upcoming Dates

- March 1st – Dell Events
- March 2nd – Live Events (535 & 510)
- March 3rd – Live Events (525, 530, 540)
- March 4th – Live Events (150)
- March 5th – Live Events (325 & 550)

Information about SLC and links/documents: <https://bpaok.org/state-leadership-conference-2021/>

DECA Updates

ICDC is right around the corner be sure to check out the official promo video on our social media pages! **ICDC Information:** <https://decaok.org/international-career-development-conference/>

ICDC Stipends: Oklahoma DECA will be covering the \$55 Competition Fee for the Virtual 2021 ICDC for all 1st and 2nd place winners. Each winner will only receive ONE stipend regardless of how many events they placed in. Please fill out this survey to let us know who will be attending ICDC and in what events. If your students do not appear on this survey they will NOT receive a stipend. Deadline to complete the survey is March 15th. Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGWVLR8>

DECA Awards Session: <https://vimeo.com/509024830/7298606e48>

CyberPatriot National Competition

CyberPatriot XIII National Finals Competition will be held virtually on **March 20-21, 2021**. CyberPatriot is planning a robust, virtual National Finals competition, which will include the Network Security Master Challenge, the Cisco NetAcad Challenge, the AT&T Mobile Computing Challenge, the TCP/IP event with CyberPatriot sponsors, an Opening Ceremony, and an Awards

Ceremony. Top overall teams will receive scholarships from Northrop Grumman and Cisco. <https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/>

Oklahoma STEM Signing Day

The 2021 STEM Signing Day, presented by Boeing and powered by Tallo, is open for applications. All Oklahoma high school seniors who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or university and pursue a S.T.E.M degree or program are eligible to apply on Tallo.

Apply here: <https://tallo.com/oklahoma-stem-signing-day-2021/>

K-12 Follow-up

Follow-up is open for K-12 Schools and there are some changes this year. We are collecting work-based learning opportunities. The guidebook includes definitions for work based learning and can be found on the [CTIMS webpage](#). Of course, if you have any questions, need help, or run into issues with CTIMS please contact CTIMS Support at ctimssupport@careertech.ok.gov or call 405.743.5134.

Deadline for submission is May 15, 2021.

CTIMS Internet Browser Update

As you know, Internet Explorer has always been the preferred browser for CTIMS. However, because Internet Explorer is no longer a supported browser, we ask that you use one of the following when accessing CTIMS.

- The latest version of Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox
- Google Chrome

If you experience issues in CTIMS using these internet browsers, please let us know at ctimssupport@careertech.ok.gov or call support at 405-743-5134.

Addressing Suicide

The Community Health Center of Northeast Oklahoma is sponsoring a free virtual suicide prevention event, "How to Bring the Light into Darkness," on **March 10th, 9am-11am**. To register, click here: [Special Virtual Event - Suicide Prevention \(chcneo.com\)](https://chcneo.com).

Also, The [Jason Foundation](#) has some wonderful FREE suicide-prevention resources, including curricula, training modules, bookmarks, brochures, rack cards, etc.

iCEV Curriculum

Join us for a short (30 minute) virtual presentation every 1st Tuesday, beginning in February, to review iCEV state-approved curriculum and discuss the new Oklahoma adoption pricing. Please register at this [link](#).

Free Access to TestOut Courses

TestOut understands you may not have all of the resources you need to teach your students in an at-home learning environment. **If you teach any of the below courses, we can give you free access for the spring semester to any of them!**

- Office Pro (MOS- Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Outlook)
- IT Fundamentals Pro (Basic Computer Concepts- Hardware, Software, Networking, Programming)
- PC Pro (Hardware, Software, A+ Cert Prep)
- Network Pro (Network+)
- Security Pro (Security+)
- Linux Pro (covers Linux+)
- Client Pro (Operating Systems)
- Routing and Switching Pro (covers CCNA)
- Ethical Hacker Pro (covers Certified Ethical Hacker)

TestOut's certification courseware is for middle and high school students, can be offered entirely online, and can be used on Chromebooks, PCs, and Macs. [Applying only takes 15 minutes of your time](#), and best of all, it's free!

Jared Skelton, Academic Account Executive, jskelton@testout.com, 800.877.4889 x329

Dean Denton/BMITE Scholarship Open for Applications

The Dean Denton/BMITE Scholarship is now open for applications through March 31, 2021. [Click here](#) for information on how to apply.

Clinton HS BITE Position Opening

Clinton High School has posted an opening for their Digital Marketing (BITE) program. Send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and reference list to Adam McPhail, Assistant Superintendent, at adam.mcphail@cpsreds.org.

Link to listing: <https://www.ossba.org/services/jobs/>.

Distance Learning Resources

Log into ctYou.org and go to **BMITE Teacher Resources**. The link to **Distance Learning Resources** is directly under the bulleted menu options. [Click here](#) to access the resources. If you have trouble gaining access, contact Kristi.Lofton@careertech.ok.gov.

Other Agency Resources:

- [BMITE YouTube Channel](#) – or just search YouTube for “OK BMITE”
- [ODCTE FAQs and Resources](#)
- [ODCTE – Career and Academic Connections Resources](#)
- [CareerTech Master Educator](#) – free online PD (see below under Professional Development)
- [Technology Center Distance Learning Plans](#)
- [K12 Schools Distance Learning Plans](#)
- [Oklahoma Department of Commerce COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Information](#)

Professional Development



[CareerTech Master Educator](#) (CTME) offers online courses (including 7000+ LinkedIn Learning courses) and allows you to track/manage your PD, assist with certification, and upgrade your skills. For access, email Jennifer at Jennifer.Wehrenberg@careertech.ok.gov or call 405-743-5155.

Pamela Porter's Weekly CTME Pick: This week's selection is, **"WordPress 5 Essential Training: Site Administration."**

WordPress is an easy way to get a website up and running, but sometimes you want to take a WordPress site further. This course shows how to administer a self-hosted WordPress site. Learn how to work with the settings, including important privacy settings, and configure your site's style, menus, widgets, and theme with the Customizer. Find out how to extend WordPress with plugins, add and manage users, and manage comments and spam. Instructor Morten Rand-Hendriksen also provides tips for keeping your WordPress site secure and up to date—and troubleshoot it when something goes wrong.

Are there specific areas or topics you would like for professional development? Please send PD ideas, along with the best time/dates for training, to Pamela.Porter@careertech.ok.gov.

[Click here](#) for a full list of professional development opportunities.

Teacher Certification

For questions regarding teacher certification, renewal, missed certification exams, etc., please contact Laurie Richison at laurie.richison@careertech.ok.gov or call 405.743.5518.

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Remember, the BMITE staff is here to assist you in any way that we can. Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

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