

## 2026 Career Technical Education Fall Conference Celebrating 35 Years!

Hosted by **CALCP: California Association of Leaders for Career Preparation and  
CAROCP: The Association of Career and College Readiness Organizations**

### PROGRAM COVER CONTEST

The Career Technical Education Fall Conference Committee invites entries from middle and high school CTE design students for the conference program cover design. The Career Technical Education Fall Conference brings together educators to share innovative practices that encourage and empower students to excel.

#### OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE COVER CONTEST

1. Students currently enrolled in a Career Technical Education (CTE) Media Production or Design, Visual and Graphic Arts or Graphic Production Technologies pathway course are eligible to submit **ONE** entry. The maximum number of entries is limited to **ten (10) per teacher**.
2. All entries must reflect the information in the above header lines of this announcement and, in addition, must include **1)** the **CTE Logo**, which can be downloaded from the CTE Fall Conference website (cteconference.org), and **2)** the dates **November 18-20, 2026**.
3. Entries must be computer-designed using colors selected by the student. Program is printed on white stock.
4. Submission Requirements
  - a. Entries must be submitted on 8 1/2x11 white paper (not mounted) with the fillable pdf entry form stapled on the back of the design with the form facing out (staples only, no tape – no paperclips) containing all contact information, required signatures of the student, parent/legal guardian (if under 18), and teacher. Handwritten entries or entries without required signatures will not be accepted.
  - b. Signatures grant the conference committee the right to use the winner's name, entry, and photograph for publicity purposes.
  - c. First –Third and Honorable Mention winners will be required to submit their work electronically. The first place winner may be requested to edit their design and provide CMYK numbers.
  - d. **Mailed Entries Due: Thursday, March 26, 2026, 4:00 pm (Drop off entry is not available)**
5. All entries will be judged on:
  - a. Spelling (NOTE: All entries with misspellings will be disqualified).
  - b. Meeting all criteria of this contest
  - c. Creativity utilizing industry design software
  - d. Craftsmanship, clarity, readability and neatness
  - e. Ability to be effectively printed/reproduced (jpeg) on white paper
6. Mailed entries must be received by **Thursday, March 26, 2026, 4:00 pm.**, in the office of Tri-Cities ROP, 10800 Ben Avon Street, Unit E. Whittier, California 90606. Drop off entry is not available. Late or electronic entries will NOT be accepted. Postmarks do not count as received.
7. The winners will be selected by the conference committee and will receive: **first place-\$600, second place-\$400, and third place-\$200. In addition, up to three Honorable Mention winners may receive \$75.** The first, second, and third place winners will be invited to be recognized in person at the conference where all winners' artwork will be displayed.
8. Winners will be contacted by email followed by an announcement on the cteconference.org website.
9. Artwork will not be returned.
10. Entrants accept and agree to these rules. The decision of the committee shall be final.
11. First place student agrees to make modifications to artwork requested by the conference committee in a timely manner.

Please see our website, cteconference.org, for additional information including the **Frequently Asked Questions** page and previous program covers. Questions regarding the cover contest may be submitted by email from both teachers and students but students must include/copy their teacher in all email correspondence.

**Any questions regarding the cover contest please contact:  
Rebel Harrison at [ctecovercontest@gmail.com](mailto:ctecovercontest@gmail.com)  
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**PROGRAM COVER CONTEST  
*Entry Form***

**All entries must be accompanied by this fillable PDF form and submitted to:  
Career Technical Education Fall Conference Program Cover Contest  
c/o Kathi Kent  
Tri-Cities ROP  
10800 Ben Avon Street, Unit E  
Whittier, CA 90606  
*Mail Only, Drop Off Not Available***

**Important Reminder:** Only ten entries per instructor. If more than ten entries are received, all entries will be disqualified.

**Entries Due: Thursday, March 26, 2026, 4:00 pm. Hand-printed, incomplete entry forms and late or electronic entries WILL NOT be accepted.**

The PDF Fillable Entry Form must be completed by the student and the instructor (not handwritten). After completing the student and teacher information sections, print and obtain student, parent/guardian (if under 18), and instructor signatures. Staple form to the back of design with entry form facing out. Do not use paper clips to attach the entry form. Entries without all required signatures will not be accepted.

**Student Information:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

ROP/ROCP Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

CTE or ROP Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CTE Pathway: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Information:**

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Summer Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures: *By signing this form, the student, teacher and parent/guardian agree to the rules and the decisions of the committee which shall be final. Signatures grant the conference committee the right to use the winner's name, entry, and photograph for publicity purposes.***

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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