

# 2026 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FALL CONFERENCE

## COVER CONTEST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Entries Due: Thursday, March 26, 2026, 4:00 pm**

**Would you clarify exactly the text lines that must be included in the cover design?**

- 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
- November 18-20, 2026
- In addition, the CTE logo must appear in the design

**Where can students obtain the conference logo?**

- The conference logo can be found on the CTE Conference website:  
[www.cteconference.org](http://www.cteconference.org)

**What are the required colors for the cover contest?**

- There are no required colors. Entries must be computer designed using colors selected by the student. After the awards announcement the first place winner is required to provide CYMK numbers.

**Is there a conference theme?**

- No, there is no specific theme but this year the conference is celebrating its 35-year anniversary. Cover designs must include the text from the header lines in the contest announcement, the conference logo, and the date of the conference as listed under Rule 1.

**Is it possible to submit entries electronically?**

- No. Due to the high volume of entries it is not possible for the committee to evaluate electronic entries. Our review process involves several individuals, a short turnaround time and a process that preserves district and student anonymity in the selection process. Unfortunately, digital entries do not lend themselves to this process.
- Additionally, the final product/cover will be printed on paper so it is important for the committee to observe how the design entry translates to printing on paper.

**Can we submit entries electronically by the deadline and follow-up with printed copies later?**

- No. Printed entries must be mailed (drop off not available) to the Tri-Cities ROP address and **received** (not postmarked) by the deadline: **4:00pm, Thurs March 26, 2026.**
- Late entries will not be considered.

## **May students directly contact the program cover coordinator for questions or additional information?**

- Yes. Students may contact the conference cover coordinator by emailing [ctecovercontest@gmail.com](mailto:ctecovercontest@gmail.com). All student communications must also be copied to the instructor to receive a response from the program cover chair.

## **What paper stock will be used to print the cover?**

- 60 pound white cover stock

## **What is the conference committee hoping to see in the submitted designs?**

- Creative designs “new” for this year, not updated versions of previous winners.
- Designs that use industry standard design software that reflect originality, creativity, and skill — not just default software effects
- Font use that ensures the required text information is clear and easily readable.
- Clear use of color and design when printed on white paper. Many designs may look great on the computer screen but may become “muddy” and challenging to read when printed on paper.

## **What are examples of why an entry would be disqualified?**

It is our goal to review all eligible submitted entries. Entries are most commonly disqualified for:

- Late entry. Entries must be received by the posted deadline. Postmarks will not count as “on time” delivery. Drop off entries not available.
- Misspelled words
- Missing any required text from the cover design
- Editing or changing the required text
- Incomplete information on the entry form
- Handwritten entry forms
- Missing student (and parent if under 18 years of age) and instructor signatures
- Submission of more than 10 entries per instructor

*For any additional questions not listed on this FAQ page, email [ctecovercontest@gmail.com](mailto:ctecovercontest@gmail.com).*