

# CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF LANGUAGE TEACHERS

## PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE, 2021

### INFORMATION ABOUT THIS AWARD:

CT COLT is pleased to recognize and reward the excellence and achievement of deserving students at all levels of instruction across the state by offering the CT COLT Student Award for Excellence. Students, nominated by their teachers:

- will receive a special certificate.
- will have their names published on the CT COLT website.
- will have a special letter of recognition sent to their principal or superintendent.
- students in Level IV and higher of language study (e.g. High School, Spanish IV) will receive an engraved pen that reads, "CT COLT Award for Excellence in Languages."

### CRITERIA

- Students must be enrolled in a World Language class at the elementary, middle school or high school level of instruction.
- A teacher may nominate up to FIVE high achieving students who have achieved at least a 90% average and who demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to the language.
- Students must give evidence of positive attitude toward language and cultures (e.g., using the language beyond the classroom, participating in language clubs, etc.).

### PROCEDURES: [CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE STUDENTS](#)

- Each teacher may nominate no more than FIVE students.
- To offset the costs, the following per pupil fee is assessed.
  - Nomination Fee: \$3.00 per student
  - Non-CT COLT members: additional \$30.00 for the one year required membership.
- Electronic nomination form and fees (checks only) must be received before May 15.
- Certificates and letters will be mailed to the nominating teacher by June 1. Every effort will be made to have materials arrive before awards ceremonies. Please include this information on the nomination form.

### PROCEDURES / UPDATING MEMBERSHIP:

In order to nominate students for the CT COLT Student Awards for Excellence, nominating teachers must be active members of CT COLT, so the teacher may need to renew membership or join CT COLT before submitting student names for this award.

Membership rates, for current members or new members:

- One Year = \$30.00
- Two Years = \$55.00
- Three Years = \$75.00
- Retired Teachers (not teaching full time) = \$15.00 (per year)
- Retired Teachers Lifetime Rate (not teaching full time) = \$30 (for lifetime membership)
- Undergraduate / graduate students / pre-certified teachers = \$15.00 (per year)

*Please note that CT COLT accepts PayPal payment or payment by check. Purchase orders are not accepted.*

Teachers can update their membership by clicking the link to nominate students on <https://ctcolt.org/awards-contests/student-awards/> which will show the process of joining or renewing your membership. Teachers can also join, renew, or update membership by visiting <https://ctcolt.org/about/membership/>. Note, if teachers believe they are already a member, but the system does not recognize the email address, try another email address. For questions about membership, please visit <https://ctcolt.org/about/membership/> or email [membership@ctcolt.org](mailto:membership@ctcolt.org)

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**Electronic nomination form and payment must be received by May 15.**

After completing the nomination form found online, teachers will have the option of paying immediately with PayPal or receiving an electronic invoice, via email, that can be completed by mailing a check. If paying by check, make checks payable to "CT COLT." Please mail checks to:

Judith Ojeda  
Timothy Edwards Middle School  
100 Arnold Way  
South Windsor, CT 06074

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### QUESTIONS

For questions about the award, please visit <https://ctcolt.org/awards-contests/student-awards/> or email [awards@ctcolt.org](mailto:awards@ctcolt.org).