Connecticut Agricultural Science and Technology Education Program

Application for Student Admission

Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE) programs serve secondary students in full- and shared-time programs. Each program is located at a comprehensive high school, except for Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science and Technology Education Center, which has its own independent facility. The ASTE programs prepare students for college and careers in animal science, agribusiness, agricultural mechanics, aquaculture, biotechnology, food science, marine technology, natural resources, and plant science (not all ASTE centers offer all the aforementioned programs). The ASTE programs incorporate a hands-on, active curriculum that integrates subject area skills and knowledge, applied skills in the core subjects of mathematics, science and English/language arts while incorporating leadership skills and work-based learning experiences through the National FFA Organization and supervised agriculture experiences.

INSTRUCTIONS

Any person who has completed the eighth grade is eligible to be considered for admission to an ASTE Program. You and your legal guardian must complete this application with the appropriate signatures and return it to your school counselor so that the school section may be completed.

Student Applicant Name: **Grade Level:**

Current School Attending:

Please click **here** for Appendix A of this document for the center your town has chosen for agriculture education.

Name of ASTE Center(s) to which student is applying:

ASTE Pathway. Please note: not all agriculture centers offer all pathways. Refer to your ASTE Center's web page for more information. Please click here for Appendix B of this document for school websites.
Numerically rank the following pathways 1 through 9 based on your preference of study. Write "1" in the blank next to the pathway that is your most desired selection; write "2" in the blank next to your second desired area of study; and continue with writing "3" for your third selection and so forth. If you are not interested in a pathway place a "0" in the space provided.

- Agribusiness (farm ownership, equipment dealership, agriculture commodity broker)
- Agriculture Mechanics (tractors, engines, wood working, machining, welding)
- Animal Science (veterinary science, livestock, horses, companion pets)
- Aquaculture (fish production, marine biology, aquaponics)
- Biotechnology (genetics, microbiology, DNA work)
- Food Science (food safety, food handling, product development, nutrition)
- Marine Technology (marine construction, marine mechanics, ocean engineering, vessel operations)
- Natural Resources/Environmental Science (ecology, forestry, conservation, wildlife, water protection)
- Plant Science (greenhouse, gardener, floral design, landscape design)

Applicant Personal Information

Full Name: Last: First: Middle:

Birthdate:
Month/Day/Year

Residence Address:
Street Number and Name, Apartment Number

City\Town Name: State: Zip Code:

Mailing Address:

(Check if same as residence address)

Street Number and Name, Apartment Number

City\Town Name: State: Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Applicant's Primary Language: What language do you most frequently speak at home?

What language is frequently spoken by parents/guardians or others living in your home?

Legal Guardian(s) Information:

Legal Guardian Name: Legal Guardian Name:
Legal Guardian Address: Legal Guardian Address:
City, State Zip Code: City, State Zip Code:
Phone: Cell Phone: Phone: Cell Phone:
Legal Guardian Email: Legal Guardian Email:

Applicant Extracurricular Activities: To be completed by student applicant only. Please list extracurricular activities, clubs /organizations, sports, and community involvement:

	Name of Activity *Example: XYZ Middle School Soccer Team*	**Provide Dates and Your Involvement** *Example: soccer player, 2024-2026*
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		

ASTE Pathways Interest Page

Directions: In the space below, write three to five paragraphs about your interest of study at an agricultural science and technology education center. Your statement should address the following: reason(s) you want to study the ASTE pathways selected on page 1; previous experiences with any of the agriculture pathways on page 1; benefits from being part of the center; and how the center would benefit by having you as a student.

Instructions for Authorization of Release of Records

For your child to be considered for admission to a Connecticut ASTE program, you and your child must complete this application with the appropriate signatures and return it to your school counselor, principal, or teacher. Your school counselor will complete the sending school section of this application and forward your application, transcript of grades, attendance and discipline infractions to the appropriate ASTE Center (see Appendix A). Incomplete applications will not be processed. Admission is contingent upon successful completion of Grade 8 and final receipt of all records.

Academic Information Required

Beginning Grade 9 Admission: Attach Grade 7 final report card, Grade 8 current completed marking period information (transcript), attendance, discipline record, and most recent norm-referenced screening data for numeracy and literacy including scaled scores as available.

Mid-year Grade 9 Admission or Grades 10, 11, 12 Admission: Contact the agricultural science and technology education center for your town to inquire about documents to submit with the application. (Please note, not all ASTE Centers accept students after the start of Grade 9).

Section 504 plans and special education records will be required once applicant indicates intent to attend - **please do not send at this time.** Final transcript, English Learner/Multilingual Learner (EL/ML) program records, full discipline record, and health records are required at the end of the year.

Applicant Name: _____ **Grade Level:** _____

Current School: _____

Authorization for the Release of Records

I approve this application and I, the undersigned, hereby authorize

_____ to release the
(Name of school)

education records of _____ to _____ for
(Applicant Name) **(Name of ASTE Center)**

the purpose of admission/placement at that school. Such records include, but are not limited to: course grades, discipline records, standardized test results, Section 504 Plans, Individual Education Plans (IEP) and/or Planning and Placement Team (PPT) records, psychological reports, attendance records, school health records, records of extracurricular activities, and Student Success Plans. By signing this release, I agree to continually update the student's record(s) and forward all new information to the ASTE center.

Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

School Counselor Recommendation

The following student is applying for admission to an Agricultural Science and Technology Education Center. The following comments are important to help reach a decision on admission to the program. Thank you for your time in completing the counselor recommendation.

Student's Name **Town of Residence**

Please fill in the circle under response, in each area, that best describes the student.

Student Attribute					
Cooperation **Consider willingness to work with people in various capacities, loyalty.**	Outstanding	Acceptable	Indifferent	Unwilling	Not observed
Initiative **Consider ability to start and complete tasks independently, resourcefulness, assertiveness.**	Seeks additional tasks	Willingly does more than expected	Does assigned tasks	Needs encouragement	Not observed
Reliability **Consider dependability, willingness, and consistency.**	Conscientious	Usually, reliable	Inconsistent	Unpredictable	Not observed
Judgement & Common Sense **Consider ability and foresight in decisions in everyday situations.**	Sound decisions	Good decisions	Fair decisions	Imperfect decisions	Not observed
Classroom Behavior **Consider reactions in various situations when stress is likely.**	Outstanding maturity	Good maturity	Fair maturity	Disruptive At times	Not observed
Potential for Growth **Consider emotions, leadership, mannerisms, and ability to lead others.**	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Not observed
I recommend this student	Enthusiastically	Strongly	With reservation	Significant hesitation	Without comment

Additional Comments:

Counselor's Printed Name **Counselor's Signature** **Counselor's Phone Number**

Counselor's Email **Date**

Teacher Recommendation

The following student is applying for admission to an Agricultural Science and Technology Education Center. The following comments are important to help reach a decision on admission to the program. Thank you for your time in completing the teacher recommendation. Please return to the student's current counselor.

Student's Name **Town of Residence**

Please fill in the circle under response, in each area, that best describes the student.

Student Attribute					
Cooperation **Consider willingness to work with people in various capacities, loyalty.**	Outstanding	Acceptable	Indifferent	Unwilling	Not observed
Initiative **Consider ability to start and complete tasks independently, resourcefulness, assertiveness.**	Seeks additional tasks	Willingly does more than expected	Does assigned tasks	Needs encouragement	Not observed
Reliability **Consider dependability, willingness, and consistency.**	Conscientious	Usually, reliable	Inconsistent	Unpredictable	Not observed
Judgement & Common Sense **Consider ability and foresight in decisions in everyday situations.**	Sound decisions	Good decisions	Fair decisions	Imperfect decisions	Not observed
Classroom Behavior **Consider reactions in various situations when stress is likely.**	Outstanding maturity	Good maturity	Fair maturity	Disruptive At times	Not observed
Potential for Growth **Consider emotions, leadership, mannerisms, and ability to lead others.**	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Not observed
I recommend this student	Enthusiastically	Strongly	With reservation	Significant hesitation	Without comment

Additional Comments:

Teacher's Printed Name **Teacher's Signature** **Teacher's Phone Number**

Teacher's Email **Date** **Subject Taught**

Personal Recommendation (non-relative)

The following student is applying for admission to an Agricultural Science and Technology Education Center. The following comments are important to help reach a decision on admission to the program. Thank you for your time in completing the personal recommendation. Please return to the student's current counselor.

Student's Name _____ **Town of Residence** _____

Please fill in the circle under response, in each area, that best describes the student.

Student Attribute					
Cooperation **Consider willingness to work with people in various capacities, loyalty.**	Outstanding	Acceptable	Indifferent	Unwilling	Not observed
Initiative **Consider ability to start and complete tasks independently, resourcefulness, assertiveness.**	Seeks additional tasks	Willingly does more than expected	Does assigned tasks	Needs encouragement	Not observed
Reliability **Consider dependability, willingness, and consistency!**	Conscientious	Usually, reliable	Erratic	Unreliable	Not observed
Judgement & Common Sense **Consider ability and foresight in decisions in everyday situations.**	Sound decisions	Good decisions	Fair	Sound decisions	Good decisions
Behavior **Consider reactions in various situations when stress is likely.**	Outstanding maturity	Good maturity	Fair maturity	Disruptive At times	Not observed
Potential for Growth **Consider emotions, leadership, mannerisms, and ability to lead others.**	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Not observed
I recommend this student	Enthusiastically	Strongly	With reservation	Significant hesitation	Without Comment

Additional Comments:

_____

Evaluator's Printed Name _____ **Evaluator's Signature** _____ **Evaluator's Phone Number** _____

Evaluator's Email _____ **Date** _____ **Relation to Student** _____

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS
STUDENT AND PARENT/ GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I understand that Agricultural Science and Technology Education (ASTE) Centers utilize the Three Circle model of Education: Classroom/Laboratory Experiences, Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAE), and student leadership through the National FFA Organization (formerly Future Farmers of America). While enrolled in an ASTE Center, I must be on track to graduate with my class, and I will obey all rules, requirements, and commitments of the high school and Agricultural Education Program.

I understand that I will keep track of my activities and out-of-school experiences in a SAE record book or an online tracker. I understand that my SAE program is conducted outside-of-class time.

I understand that, because of the nature of the program, field trips are taken often and agricultural work is done in class to prepare the student for college and careers in agriculture. All students shall take part in and dress appropriately for these experiences.

I understand and agree to participate in this program as a member of the FFA. Class/lab work, supervised agricultural experience, and FFA participation are all essential and integral for success in my Agricultural Education program.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria (The list is in order from highest to lowest in criterion).

1. Demonstrated interest in a career in an agricultural or agricultural related field.
2. Personal meeting and/or interview with ASTE staff and/or school personnel.
3. Counselor, teacher, personal recommendations.
4. Attendance record.
5. Academic records.
6. Behavioral records.
7. Standardized assessment scores.

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Appendix A

List of Agricultural Science and Technology Education Centers and Sending Towns

Directions: Find your town under the Town column. The name of the Agricultural Science and Technology Education Center in the adjacent column is the school's name that you place on page one of the application.

Town	Agricultural Science and Technology Education Center	Town	Agricultural Science and Technology Education Center
	A		**C**
Andover	Glastonbury & Lebanon ASTE	Cromwell	Middletown ASTE
Ansonia	New Haven & Region 14 ASTE		**D**
Ashford	Region 19 ASTE	Danbury	Region 12 ASTE
Avon	Suffield ASTE	Darien	Stamford ASTE
	B	Deep River	Middletown ASTE
Barkhamsted	Region 7 ASTE	Derby	Region 14 ASTE
Beacon Falls	New Haven ASTE	Durham	Middletown ASTE
Berlin	Southington ASTE		**E**
Bethany	New Haven & Region 14 ASTE	East Granby	Bloomfield & Suffield ASTE
Bethel	Region 12 ASTE	East Haddam	Middletown ASTE
Bethlehem	Region 14 ASTE	East Hampton	Middletown ASTE
Bloomfield	Bloomfield ASTE	East Hartford	Glastonbury ASTE
Bolton	Vernon ASTE	East Haven	New Haven & Wallingford ASTE
Bozrah	Lebanon ASTE	East Lyme	Ledyard ASTE
Branford	New Haven & Wallingford ASTE	East Windsor	Suffield & Vernon ASTE
Bridgeport	Bridgeport Aqua & Trumbull ASTE	Eastford	Killingly ASTE
Bridgewater	Region 12 ASTE	Easton	Trumbull ASTE
Bristol	Southington ASTE	Ellington	Vernon ASTE
Brookfield	Region 12 ASTE	Enfield	Suffield ASTE
Brooklyn	Killingly ASTE	Essex	Middletown ASTE
Burlington	Region 20 ASTE		**F**
	C	Fairfield	Bridgeport Aqua & Trumbull ASTE
Canaan	Region 1 ASTE	Farmington	Southington ASTE
Canterbury	Killingly ASTE	Franklin	Lebanon ASTE
Canton	Suffield & Region 7 ASTE		**G**
Chaplin	Lebanon ASTE	Glastonbury	Glastonbury ASTE
Cheshire	New Haven & Wallingford ASTE	Goshen	Region 20 ASTE
Chester	Middletown ASTE	Granby	Suffield ASTE
Clinton	Middletown & New Haven ASTE	Greenwich	Stamford ASTE
Colchester	Lebanon ASTE	Griswold	Killingly ASTE
Colebrook	Region 7 ASTE	Groton	Ledyard ASTE
Columbia	Lebanon & Region 19 ASTE	Guilford	Middletown & New Haven ASTE
Cornwall	Region 1 ASTE		**H**
Coventry	Region 19 ASTE	Haddam	Middletown ASTE

Town	Agricultural Science and Technology Education Center	Town	Agricultural Science and Technology Education Center
	H		**N**
Hamden	New Haven & Wallingford ASTE	New Milford	Region 12 ASTE
Hampton	Lebanon ASTE	Norfolk	Region 7 ASTE
Hartford	Bloomfield, Glastonbury & Suffield ASTE	North Branford	New Haven & Wallingford ASTE
Hartland	Suffield & Region 7 ASTE	North Canaan	Region 1 ASTE
Harwinton	Region 20 ASTE	North Haven	New Haven & Wallingford ASTE
Hebron	Glastonbury & Lebanon ASTE	North Stonington	Ledyard ASTE
	K	Norwalk	Stamford ASTE
Kent	Region 1 ASTE	Norwich	Ledyard ASTE
Killingly	Killingly ASTE		**O**
Killingworth	Middletown & New Haven ASTE	Old Lyme	Ledyard ASTE
	L	Old Saybrook	New Haven ASTE
Lebanon	Lebanon ASTE	Orange	New Haven ASTE & Trumbull ASTE
Ledyard	Ledyard ASTE	Oxford	New Haven & Region 14 ASTE
Lisbon	Lebanon ASTE		**P**
Litchfield	Region 20 & Region 7 ASTE	Plainfield	Killingly ASTE
Lyme	Ledyard ASTE	Plainville	Southington ASTE
	M	Plymouth	Region 20 ASTE
Madison	Middletown & New Haven ASTE	Pomfret	Killingly ASTE
Manchester	Glastonbury & Vernon ASTE	Portland	Middletown ASTE
Mansfield	Region 19 ASTE	Preston	Ledyard ASTE
Marlborough	Glastonbury & Lebanon ASTE	Prospect	New Haven & Region 14 ASTE
Meriden	Wallingford ASTE	Putnam	Killingly ASTE
Middlebury	New Haven & Region 14 ASTE		**R**
Middlefield	Middletown ASTE	Redding	Trumbull ASTE
Middletown	Middletown ASTE	Ridgefield	Stamford ASTE
Milford	Bridgeport Aqua & Trumbull ASTE	Rocky Hill	Middletown ASTE
Monroe	Bridgeport Aqua & Trumbull ASTE	Roxbury	Region 12 ASTE
Montville	Ledyard ASTE		**S**
Morris	Region 20 ASTE	Salem	Lebanon ASTE
	N	Salisbury	Region 1 ASTE
Naugatuck	Region 14 ASTE	Scotland	Lebanon ASTE
Newington	Glastonbury ASTE	Seymour	New Haven & Region 14 ASTE
Newtown	Region 12 ASTE	Sharon	Region 1 ASTE
New Britain	Southington ASTE	Shelton	Bridgeport Aqua & Trumbull ASTE
New Canaan	Stamford ASTE	Sherman	Region 12 ASTE
New Fairfield	Region 12 ASTE	Simsbury	Suffield ASTE
New Hartford	Region 7 ASTE	Somers	Vernon ASTE
New Haven	New Haven ASTE	South Windsor	Vernon ASTE
New London	Ledyard ASTE	Southbury	New Haven & Region 14 ASTE

Town	Agricultural Science and Technology Education Center
S	
Southington	Southington ASTE
Sprague	Lebanon ASTE
Stafford	Vernon ASTE
Stamford	Stamford ASTE
Sterling	Killingly ASTE
Stonington	Ledyard ASTE
Stratford	Bridgeport Aqua & Trumbull ASTE
Suffield	Suffield ASTE
T	
Thomaston	Region 20 ASTE
Thompson	Killingly ASTE
Tolland	Vernon ASTE
Torrington	Region 1, Region 20 & Region 7 ASTE
Trumbull	Bridgeport Aqua & Trumbull ASTE
U	
Union	Region 19 & Vernon ASTE
V	
Vernon	Vernon ASTE
Voluntown	Ledyard ASTE
W	
Wallingford	Wallingford ASTE
Warren	Region 20 ASTE
Washington	Region 12 ASTE
Waterbury	Southington ASTE
Waterford	Ledyard ASTE
Watertown	Region 14 ASTE
West Hartford	Suffield ASTE
West Haven	New Haven & Wallingford ASTE
Westbrook	Middletown ASTE
Weston	Stamford ASTE
Westport	New Haven ASTE
Wethersfield	Glastonbury & New Haven ASTE
Willington	Region 19 ASTE
Wilton	Stamford ASTE
Winchester	Region 7 ASTE
Windham	Region 19 ASTE
Windsor	Glastonbury ASTE
Windsor Locks	Suffield ASTE
Wolcott	Southington ASTE
Woodbridge	New Haven ASTE
Woodbury	Region 14 ASTE
Woodstock	Killingly ASTE

Appendix B

Connecticut
Agricultural Science and Technology Education Centers

Bloomfield High School
Harris Agriscience & Technology Center
5 Huckleberry Lane
Bloomfield, CT 06002
860-286-2630 ext. 1520

Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science and Technology Education Center
60 St. Stephen Road
Bridgeport, CT 06605
203-275-2929

Glastonbury High School
Agriscience and Technology Center
330 Hubbard Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
860-652-7200 ext. 11101

Housatonic Valley Regional High School
Regional School District 1
Agriculture Center
246 Warren Turnpike Road
Falls Village, CT 06031
860-824-5123

Killingly High School
Regional Agriculture Center
226 Putnam Pike Road
Dayville, CT 06241
860-779-6675

Lakeview High School
Regional School District 20
Regional
Agriscience Center
98 Wamogo Road
Litchfield, CT 06759
860-567-6649

Ledyard High School
Regional Agri-Science & Technology Center
24 Gallup Hill Road
Ledyard, CT 06339
860-464-9600 ext. 2128

Lyman Hall High School
Vernon E. Cleaves Agricultural Science and Technology Center
70 Pond Hill Road
Wallingford, CT 06492
203-294-5321

Lyman Memorial High School
Regional Agriculture Center
917 Exeter Road
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-7759

Middletown High School
Regional Agriculture Science & Technology Center
200 LaRosa Lane
Middletown, CT 06457
860-704-4599

Nonnewaug High School
Regional School District 14
Ellis Clark Agriscience & Technology Center
5 Minortown Road
Woodbury, CT 06798
203-266-4038

Northwestern Regional High School Regional School District 7
Agricultural Education Center
100 Battistoni Drive
Winsted, CT 06098
860-379-9013

Rockville High School
Vernon Regional Agricultural Science & Technology
70 Loveland Hill Road
Vernon, CT 06066
860-870-6050

Shepaug Valley Regional High School Agriscience Center
Regional School District 12
159 South St
Washington, CT 06793
860-868-7326

E. O. Smith High School
Regional School District 19
Regional Agriculture Education Center
1235 Storrs Road
Storrs, CT 06268
860-487-0528

Sound School
New Haven Regional Aquaculture Center
60 South Water Street
New Haven, CT 06519
203-946-7106

Southington High School
Regional Agriculture Center
720 Pleasant Street
Southington, CT 06489
860-628-3229 Ext. 11415

Suffield High School
Regional Agriculture Center
1060 Sheldon Street
West Suffield, CT 06093
860-668-3817

Trumbull High School
Regional Agriscience Center
536 Daniels Farm Road
Trumbull, CT 06611
203-452-4200

Westhill High School
Stamford Regional Agriscience & Technology Center
125 Roxbury Road
Stamford, CT 06902
203-977-4974