

# Press Release

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## **Workforce Solutions awards over \$6,000 to local classrooms for Careers in Action student video contest**

**Abilene, Texas** — Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas awarded over \$6,000 in cash prizes to winners of the 2023 Careers in Action video contest during check presentations at participating schools on Friday, April 21, 2023. Middle school (6th-8th grade) and high school (9th-12th grade) students under the direction of a teacher from their school, submitted short career exploration videos highlighting jobs in select industries in the West Central Texas region. Judges selected winning videos according to industry categories and high school/middle school divisions. “Careers in Action is a unique opportunity for students to explore careers while practicing employability skills like teamwork and problem-solving,” said Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Director of Career Education Amelia Reeves. “Throughout the video development process students gain real world experience and connections to area employers that helps prepare them for future careers.”

AEMS students under the direction of teacher Karen Batson won \$3,500 for winning submissions in Skilled Trades, Emergency Services, Information Technology, People’s Choice, and Best in High School. Craig Middle School students under the direction of teacher Bethany Robinson won \$1,200 for Emergency Services and Best in Middle School. AEMS students under the direction of teacher Martha Tammany won \$900 for submissions in Information Technology, Healthcare, and Skilled Trades. Rounding out the prize finalists, students at Clack Middle School under the direction of teacher Michael Garcia won \$500 for their Healthcare video entry. Sponsoring teachers of video finalists can use cash prizes to purchase educational resources, technology, materials, etc. for their classrooms.

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