

## NCAfE



## The North Carolina Awards For Excellence

Based upon the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the North Carolina Award for Excellence (NCAfE) is the top state-level recognition presented to an organization that has demonstrated, through its practices and achievements, the highest level of performance excellence by applying the principles of the Baldrige Excellence Framework.

### Baldrige Criteria Crafts the Framework

The Baldrige Excellence Framework provides the tools to examine and improve each aspect of your organization's performance while keeping the whole organization in mind. The management framework enables leaders at businesses, hospitals, factories, schools and government bodies to examine every layer of the organization and devise strategies to reach goals, improve results and become more competitive by aligning people, plans and processes.

The framework consists of the Criteria for Performance Excellence and offers a recognized way to achieve the following benefits:

- › Innovation
- › World-class results
- › Integrated processes that enhance effectiveness and efficiency
- › Organizational learning
- › Sustainable success

### Interested in Learning More?

Visit the NCAfE website at [go.ncsu.edu/ncafe](http://go.ncsu.edu/ncafe) or contact:

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### Get Involved

When you support NCAfE, you support North Carolina.

### Launch a journey towards performance excellence.

NCAfE can help you and your organization improve systems and increase results.

### Apply for a NCAfE Award

NCAfE is a practical, powerful step your organization can take to achieve its goals.

### Become an Examiner

Empower yourself to use the Criteria for Performance Excellence wherever you work. Serving as an examiner will put you front and center with business leaders from all over the state and region. Best of all, you'll be contributing to the economic vitality of North Carolina.