



**DeWitt Area  
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Trades  
Scholarship Program**

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# Tradesman Scholarship Program

The DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce acknowledges the need for professional contractors and tradespeople as their expertise is a very important and integral part of our community and the economy as a whole. Skilled tradespeople are the lifeline of so many industries; without skilled professionals we, as a society, would not be able to enjoy the luxuries of warm, dry homes; state of the art office buildings, roads and highways, running water, electric lights or well-tuned automobiles. Engineers and architects can design the very best project or have the greatest idea ever, however, it is the skilled tradespeople working along side the engineers and architects who turn the idea into reality.

Acknowledging the importance of this career path has motivated the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce to support the Trades Industry by offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a 2018 Clinton County graduating senior who will be entering an accredited trades program supporting such careers as, but not limited to: electrician, plumber, carpenter, mechanic, welder, heating and cooling.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEWITT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BY APRIL 10, 2017 TO BE CONSIDERED.**

## Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility for this scholarship is limited so please read the criteria carefully.

### Eligible applicants must:

- reside in Clinton County or graduating from a Clinton County School in 2018
- have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and
- be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited Trades Program offering a Certificate of Completion, Associate's Degree, or Bachelor's Degree in a trades curriculum as defined above.

## Educational Institution Requirements

The applicant must use the scholarship awarded to attend a post-secondary institution of learning that requires a high school diploma for admission. This could include any public or private (1) four-year accredited college or university (2) two-year accredited college or (3) vocational technical college or training institution.

## Application Criteria and Supporting Materials Required

1. A completed and signed application form
2. An official copy of the applicant's transcript and grade report from their High School.
3. At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher in support of the applicant's application. Additional letters from the school administrator, counselor, or employment supervisor may also be submitted in support of the application although they are not necessary for consideration. Do not send letters of recommendation from immediate family members, close family friends, or relatives.
4. A typewritten statement, between 150 and 200 words, prepared and signed by the applicant that explains his/her reasons for wanting to continue his/her education as a skilled trades professional in the areas of electrical, mechanical, or construction trades industries.

## Payment of Scholarship Proceeds

The student selected to receive the Tradesman Scholarship will be awarded a Certificate of Eligibility at the Student Awards Program with financial payment made payable to the student's school of choice and the student once proof of enrollment at said school has been received by the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce.

# Trades Scholarship Program Application

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION AND RETURN BY APRIL 1, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Trade Career Desired \_\_\_\_\_

Trade School or College you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently or have you previously worked in this or any trades field? \_\_\_\_\_

If the answer is yes, please provide the following information:

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application, you are stating that you are the author of the essay submitted and the material is not copied in any manner. You are also giving DACC permission to use your name and/or photograph in any and all marketing materials.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Required if student is under 18 years of age

**Application Due Date is April 1, 2018**

Application and all supporting documents must be mailed or delivered to:

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Scholarship Award winner will be announced at High School Awards Program.