



\$1,000 SKILLED TRADES SCHOLARSHIP

2025-2026 Application

Due April 3, 2026

The American Legion Skilled Trades Scholarship aims to provide annual scholarships to deserving individuals – aged 17-21 years old – who are pursuing a construction/building, automotive, advanced manufacturing, or energy career either in a post-high school trades training/apprenticeship or earning a 2-year college degree in any of the areas listed above where the student would be certified at the state or federal level.

Scholarship would apply to the following costs:

- Money for tools, specialized clothing, gear or safety equipment.
- Money for fees and expenses at a post-secondary skilled trades school training or apprenticeship.
- Money for fees and expenses at a 2-year college skilled trades program.
- Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships awarded at the discretion of the American Legion Department of Michigan's Education and Scholarship Committee in conjunction with scholarship donors.
- Scholarship check will be issued either the individual, school, training program, or business depending on if the funds will be applied to supplies or tuition. Proof of supply costs will be required in order for funds to be issued.
- The scholarship is valid two years only, \$1,000 each year, with disbursement of 2nd year funds dependent on first year transcripts and proof of enrollment in 2nd year trades program or college course or proof of continued employment.

APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL must be received by April 3, 2026 in order to be considered.

Qualifications of the applicant:

- Must be a Michigan resident.
- Applicant should be between the ages of 17 and 21 at the time of application.
- Applicant must be pursuing a skilled trades career through post-high school trades training/apprenticeship OR through a 2-year college degree in a skilled trade.
- It is preferred that the applicant be a descendant of a veteran but it is not required.

Applying for the scholarship:

1. Complete the application in its entirety.
2. Include High School or most current transcripts.
3. Include written recommendations from two persons: A teacher within the last two years and an employer or adult (non-relative) who can offer references for you.
4. Include proof of acceptance into trades training/ apprenticeship or acceptance into 2-year college.

DEADLINE: April 3, 2026. Please send completed application and supporting documentation to:

American Legion Dept. of Michigan

Attn: Skilled Trades Scholarship

212 N. Verlinden Ave.

Lansing, MI 48915

SECTION 1: General Information (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

First and Last Name of Applicant _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Parent(s) Names _____

If descendant of a veteran, please provide veteran's name below and copy of discharge paper (DD214 or equivalent):

1. Veteran's First and Last Name: _____

2. Relationship to applicant (child, grand-child, great grand-child etc.): _____

SECTION 2: Apprenticeship/Employment/Academic Information : Select one and complete the corresponding information request below.

- ☐ I am in an apprenticeship program
- ☐ I am in a trades training program
- ☐ I am enrolled in a 2-Year College program

If in an Apprenticeship:

Date of hire _____ Name of builder or subcontractor _____

Employer's address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Employer's phone _____ Employer's email _____

If in a Trades Training Program:

\$ _____ Estimated cost of tuition and related expenses for current year

Start date _____ Anticipated Completion Date _____

Name of School or Program _____

School or Program address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

If in a 2-Year College:

\$_____ Estimated cost of tuition and related expenses for current year
Start date _____ Anticipated Completion Date _____
Name of School _____
Name of Trades Program _____
School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
2-Year College GPA: _____

Applicant's Financial Information:

Savings: \$ _____
Expected Summer Earnings: \$ _____
Other Scholarship Amounts Awarded \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Parent's or Applicant's Financial Information:

Father's Name _____ Occupation: _____
Mother's Name _____ Occupation: _____

List Name of Brothers and Sisters along with Ages currently living at home:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

SECTION 3: Career plans (use additional sheets of paper if needed)

1. What career or job are you working toward?

2. Please tell us why you need this scholarship and how it will help you?

3. Tell us about any of your accomplishments, awards or obstacles you have overcome to reach your goals.

Signature

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the above information and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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