



## **\$1,000 SKILLED TRADES SCHOLARSHIP**

*2026-2027 Application*

***Due April 23, 2027***

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> year funds dependent on first year transcripts and proof of enrollment in 2<sup>nd</sup> year trades program or college course or proof of continued employment.

***APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL must be received by April 23, 2027 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 23, 2027. 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> |
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**SECTION 3: Career plans (use additional sheets of paper if needed)**

1. What career or job are you working toward?

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

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

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**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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