

About the Scholarship

The Wilsonville Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the availability of two \$1,000 continuing education scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year.

Who Can Apply?

This scholarship is RESERVED for career development for those entering or continuing an education or training program in the SKILLED TRADES profession. High school students, post-secondary students, and non-traditional (adult) students, and those re-entering the workforce pursuing a career in a skilled trade or vocational profession may apply.

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must be attending or planning to attend an accredited program, certificate program, or a degree program in the skilled or vocational trades or a related field including but limited to cosmetology, construction, carpentry, IT, HVAC, plumbing, electrical work, welding, fire protection, food-service, automotive repair, etc. in 2019 (full time or part-time).

This scholarship opportunity is not based on income, credit hours, or GPA.

The applicant must have graduated high school/GED or will have graduated high school at the time of receiving the award.

Application Timeline

All applications and required attachments MUST be submitted on or before 4:00 pm, Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

1. Application Process

- Use the checklist on the following page to complete all parts of the application packet.
- Due: 01/08/19

2. Essay Judging

- Volunteer judges will read and score your essay.
- Letters will be sent out in the mail by 02/28/19 letting you know if you are advancing to the next interview round.

3. Interview

- A 15-minute interview will be scheduled on 04/12/19. Your interview time will be in your notification letter.
- Interviews cannot be rescheduled. You must attend at the assigned time.

Scholarship Application Checklist

Step 1: Complete all 5 parts of the application packet

✓	Checklist	
	Application Cover Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and sign cover sheet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Turn in a total of 4 copies
	Resume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in your formatted resume with your cover sheet and essays • Resume should include work history and extracurricular activities (i.e. clubs, sports, community service) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Turn in a total of 4 copies
	Essay Questions and Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type your answers to each of the five essay questions • Follow formatting guidelines (see directions on the Essay Questions page) • Please do not put essays in folders, presentation packet, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Turn in a total of 4 copies
	Recommendation Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a counselor, teacher, administrator, school staff, coach, employer or community member complete the recommendation letter • Letter must be in a sealed envelope and signed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Turn in only 1 letter</u>
	Parent Permission Slip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please have a parent or guardian complete and sign if under the age of 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Turn in only 1 copy

Step 2: Compile the application packet in the correct order

1. Create 4 packets which each include:
 - 1 copy of your online application
 - 1 copy of your resume
 - 1 copy of your essay question answers
 - Staple each of these packets in that order



2. Paperclip your 4 packets together followed by your parent/guardian permission slip and the recommendation form (in the sealed envelope).



Step 3: Submit Complete Application

Submit by mail to: WACC|Attn. L. Tarter
 Address: 8565 SW Salish Lane, Suite 150, Wilsonville, OR 97070

Essay Questions

Directions:

- Answer all four essay questions listed below with specific detail
- Type essays with size 12, Times New Roman font, single-spaced, and one-inch margins
- Type the number and question before each answer
- Remember – Do not use folders, presentation packets, etc.
- Total of 4 copies required

What is your career goal? (Minimum one paragraph, but may exceed)

Tip: Include a short-term and long-term educational goal that you will need to accomplish for this career and why this career is right for you.

Describe your greatest strength and how it will make you a good job candidate for a future employer. (Minimum one paragraph, but may exceed)

Write your 30-Second Interview Pitch; describe who you are, what you have done, and how you can be a valuable asset to an employer. (Minimum one paragraph, but may exceed)

Tip: Be sure to include your greatest strength and give a specific example to demonstrate why you say that is your strength.

Describe one social, economic, or cultural challenge you have overcome in the past which has made you a stronger person today. (Minimum one paragraph, but may exceed)



Photo and Video Permission Slip

The Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce may use photos and/or videos of scholarship winners to honor and recognize the winners at the scholarship event and in publications.

I hereby give my permission for my photo/video to be used.

Printed Applicants Name:

Applicants Signature:

***Applicants under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian permission for their photo/video release to be eligible for the scholarship.**

Printed Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Parent's Phone: _____

Please submit one original copy with application packet.

Application Cover Sheet

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

What institution to you plan on attending (College/School/ Training Program Attending)? If you are unsure, please print your 1st and 2nd choice.

1st: _____

2nd: _____

Program/Vocation Choice: _____

I understand the following:

- Scholarship awards will be available for qualified educational expenses and paid directly to my educational institution.
- The amount of my check will be for tuition balance/expenses on the receipts you submit.
- I am aware that if I do not send in requested information by the due date, my payment will not be sent until the next semester.
- That my scholarship reimbursement check will be mailed to my address on file.
- I am responsible for contacting WACC with any changes of address, email, school, phone number, etc.
- My scholarship expires two years after receiving it if I have not used by May 2020.
- If I need an extension, I can request it by calling or emailing Laurie Tarter at WACC

Scholarship Recipient Signature

Parent Signature if under 18 years of age

Date _____

Recommendation Form

Your recommendation must be completed by a school counselor, teacher, administrator, employer or community member. A Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce staff member or Board of Directors **cannot** complete your recommendation.

Please only turn in 1 recommendation

To recommender completing recommendation: When completed, please return this signed form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature on the back of the envelope.

Applicants Name _____
First Last

How committed is the applicant to achieving his/her educational goals?
 Very Committed Somewhat Committed Not Committed

What are the applicants top two strengths? 1. _____ 2. _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

Your Name (please print) _____

Your Organizations Name _____

Your Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Additional Recommendation Comments: *You may use the space below or attach a typed response.*