Tools for the Trades Scholarship

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Please email any questions to careers@teamsolidform.com.

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Solid Form established the Vocational Endowment Fund in 2017 to provide ongoing support for vocational programs and skilled trades in the McMinnville area. Through this fund, we are offering $2,000 scholarships for individuals graduating high school and pursuing careers in skilled trades. This scholarship is intended to pay for such as tools, tuition, supplies and/or other expenses associated with a technical or vocational trade program or apprenticeship in skilled trades.

To qualify for this scholarship students must:

- Be graduating from high school in 2026
- Attend a technical, vocational or apprenticeship training program within 12 months of graduation. Private programs included if formal, structured training is provided.
- Complete the scholarship application
- Submit three (3) letters of recommendation: one (1) personal recommendation, one (1) professional, coach or club leader reference, and one (1) teacher or school administrator reference.

Submit one of the following:

- A 500-1000-word essay explaining your career plans and how this scholarship will make a difference in your career path
- A five-minute video explaining your career plans and how this scholarship will make a difference in your career path
- A project portfolio with 3-5 projects that you would showcase in an interview for a skilled trades position. Each project should include a short description including your role in the project, the project goal(s), your approach, and what you learned

- **Application Deadline: May 1st, 2026**
- Mail or email application packet to: **Solid Form**, P.O. BOX 119 McMinnville, OR 97128 or Careers@teamsolidform.com

Award Process:

- Scholarship awardees will be notified as soon as recipients have been selected
- Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the scholarship awardee

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: (blank)

Email: (blank) Phone: (blank)

Mailing Address: (blank)

Link to Video (if applicable): (blank)

High School: (blank) GPA: (blank)

High School Graduation Date: (blank)

Trade Program Start Date: (blank)

Short Questions (use additional pages if needed)

1. What trade program are you entering and how did you choose this program? (blank)
2. Why is this path the best career path for you? (blank)
3. How have you demonstrated commitment and resiliency toward your goals? (blank)
4. Describe a successful career. (blank)
5. Who has inspired you or helped you realize your potential? (blank)
6. What does leadership mean to you and how can you help others progress on their path? (blank)

Applicant Signature: (blank) Date: (blank)