

## Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce 2020-2021 Trades Scholarship Application

The Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of continuing education and life-long learning; therefore, offers a \$1000 scholarship annually to a graduating senior that:

- > Resides in the chamber's service area: Atglen, Caln, Christiana, Coatesville, East Brandywine, East Fallowfield, East Nantmeal, Elverson, Highland, Honey Brook, Modena, Parkesburg, Sadsbury, South Coatesville, Valley, Wallace, West Bradford, West Brandywine, West Caln, West Fallowfield, West Nantmeal, and West Sadsbury
- > Attends a technical education program at Octorara Area Senior High, TCHS Brandywine or TCHS Pennocks Bridge
- > Meets all of the scholarship criteria defined by the chamber, DELETE which includes proficient academic performance and pursuit of a certificate, license, two year degree or four year degree

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### Criteria

Recipient(s) of the WCCCC scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a senior student in good standing in his/her high school
2. Demonstrate proficient academic achievement, specifically a 2.0 or greater cumulative GPA AND a 2.5 or greater GPA in technical courses
3. Achieve an advanced score on the NOCTI
4. Demonstrate involvement in school activities and/or community service OR demonstrate active membership in a Career and Technical Service Organization (CTSO, see examples below) OR participate in COOP  
Examples of CTSOs, but not limited to
  - \* DECA
  - \* FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
  - \* FFA
  - \* TSA (Technology Student Association)
  - \* SkillsUSA
5. Be accepted at a university, college, community college, or accredited vocational, trade, or business school OR require purchase of tools for the applicant's chosen trade
6. Provide a recommendation by an administrator, teacher, coach or other professional reference

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### **Application Process**

1. Applications may be obtained online at the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce website, [www.westernchestercounty.com](http://www.westernchestercounty.com), or in the guidance offices of the following high schools:
  - Octorara Area Senior High
  - TCHS Brandywine
2. Applications must be submitted to the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce by May 15<sup>th</sup> of the student's senior year. Applications may be submitted in person, by email at [chamber@westernchestercounty.com](mailto:chamber@westernchestercounty.com), or by mail at 50 S First Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320
3. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee, which is comprised of members of the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce and appointed by the Board of Directors. Recipient(s) will be notified upon verification of the application criteria.
4. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at a Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce Event.

### **Distribution of Scholarships**

A check for the full amount of the scholarship will be issued to the school or vendor OR in the name of the recipient upon receipt of a copy of the paid tuition statement from the school or paid purchase receipt from the vendor. Funds may be utilized for reimbursement of tuition payments or purchase of tools for the trade.

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### **Submit applications to:**

Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
Lukens Executive Office Building  
50 South First Avenue  
Coatesville, PA 19320

Or email completed application to ;  
Chamber @WesternChesterCounty.com

**Application Deadline      May 15th, 2021**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (last complete semester) \_\_\_\_\_

Technical Courses GPA (last complete semester) \_\_\_\_\_

University/College/School you will be attending:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Degree, certification or licensure you are planning to pursue:  
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Attach the following:

- A transcript or a copy of your report card for the most recently completed semester of your senior year. The transcript or report card must show your cumulative GPA as well as grade for technical courses.
- Verification of NOCTI results.
- A list of your school activities and/or community service including the number of years and type of involvement OR list of CTSO activities OR verification of COOP participation.
- A recommendation from an administrator, teacher, coach or other professional reference – see the WCCCC recommendation form.
- A typewritten, double spaced essay of at least 250 words but not more than 750 words that answers the following:
  - Why did you choose this field of technical study?

- What do you plan to do following graduation? Long-term career goals?
- Why would you be a good choice to receive this scholarship?
- How are you planning to use this scholarship?

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**Return Recommendation to:**  
Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
Lukens Executive Office Building  
50 South First Avenue  
Coatesville, PA 19320

**Directions to Applicants:** Give this form to the individual from whom you are seeking a recommendation.  
Request that they return the completed recommendation to the address listed above by May 15, 2021.

**Recommendation for WCCCC Scholarship**

**Recommendation for:**\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Name)

**Recommended by:**\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

**Contact number:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Applicant:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe your recommendation below:**