

Scholarship Opportunities!

The Horatio Alger Association is seeking students that display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and plan to pursue higher education. Students must have financial need and a determination to turn their adversity into opportunity and pursue their American Dream.

APPLICATION DATES:

DECEMBER 1, 2024 - MARCH 1, 2025

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Be enrolled full time as a high school junior in the United States
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- Demonstrate financial need (\$65,000 or lower household income)
- Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and
- Be a United States citizen

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SkillsUSA Scholarships

Many students are thinking ahead to the cost of college and SkillsUSA offers exclusive scholarship opportunities for members pursuing postsecondary education. Registered SkillsUSA members with upcoming tuition expenses for the fall 2025 academic term (or the term following high school graduation) can apply for scholarships provided by SkillsUSA and our industry partners.

Scholarships opening on Jan. 2, 2025 include:

- Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship (closes May 30)
- Clifford "Ted" Rees Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500, closes April 15)
- Fine Homebuilding #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship (\$2,500, closes April 15)
- Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500, closes April 15)
- Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500, closes April 15)
- National Technical Honor Society Scholarship (\$1,000, closes April 15)

- Sharon Melton Myers Memorial (\$1,000, closes April 1)
<https://www.skillsusa.org/recognition/scholarships-and-grants/>

Jonathan E. Clark Scholarship

Criteria: Preference will be given to applicants meeting all or most of the following criteria:

- Students enrolling or currently enrolled in an accredited 2-year community college or an accredited non-profit vocational, trade, or technical school
 - o Graduating high school seniors who reside in or attend high school in the 29 town Greater Hartford region, with a preference for students who reside in Hartford
 - o Post-high school adult learners who reside in the 29 town Greater Hartford region, with a preference for students who reside in Hartford
 - o Currently enrolled students who reside in the 29 town Greater Hartford region, with a preference for students who reside in Hartford
- Attending, or will attend, part-time or full-time
- Pursuing a license or certificate or associate's degree
- Need financial aid in order to attend college/school as demonstrated by the FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Have been involved with volunteer, community service, and/or extracurricular activities, and/or paid work, especially in their trade/field of choice

Amount of awards: \$2,000; renewable

How to apply:

- Go to www.hfpg.org/scholarships
- Click on the type of school you will attend
- Click on the link to the scholarship portal
- Create an account
- Log back onto the portal
- Click Apply on the top task bar
- Click Apply to start the application
- After you click Submit Application for the first part of the application, you will see the scholarship(s) for which you are eligible
 - Complete the next part of the application and any supplemental questions
 - Be sure to click Submit for each step
 - Deadline to apply: February 4, 2025, 11:59 p.m.

Award emails will be sent to recipients by April 25, 2025.

AGC of CT Scholarships Now Available

AGC of Connecticut Scholarships: Two scholarships per year awarded, the Angelo Giardini Scholarship and the Michael J. Timura Scholarship. Each scholarship is a two-year award of \$2,500 per year for enrollment in a College/University civil engineering, construction management, or construction-related degree for a total two-year value of \$5,000.

Young Constructors Council Scholarships: Two scholarships awarded per year for \$2,000 to a student enrolled in a College/University civil engineering, construction management, or construction-related degree.

AGC of Connecticut Foundation Scholarships: Two scholarships awarded per year for \$2,000 to a student enrolled in a College/University civil engineering, construction management, or construction-related degree.

Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Be a Connecticut resident; and

Be a person currently enrolled or planning to enroll in an undergraduate four-year building and construction technology or civil engineering program in a Connecticut-based or out-of-state accredited college or university (students entering their undergraduate senior year will not be considered for the two two-year \$5,000 scholarships but are eligible to receive one of the two \$2,000 scholarships); or

Be a graduating high school senior either applying for or currently accepted at and planning to enroll in an undergraduate four-year building and construction technology or civil engineering in a Connecticut-based or out-of-state accredited college or university; or

Be a person currently enrolled in or accepted at and entering a Connecticut or out-of-state two year technical school with a construction course of study, with the intent of entering a four-year accredited undergraduate building and construction technology or civil engineering program in a Connecticut-based or out-of-state college or university upon completion of the technical school program.

Desire a career in construction.

Be a U.S. Citizen or documented permanent resident of the United States (i.e. must possess a "green card").

Applications will be reviewed and winners selected by the members of the AGC of Connecticut Scholarship Award Interview Team which will consider the applicant's interest in construction, grades, extracurricular activities, employment experience, and financial status.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Interview Team will evaluate each on-line application and select a group of semi-finalists. All applicants selected as semi-finalists will be required to interview with representatives of the Interview Team in the spring.

Scholarship checks will be sent to award winners by September 1.

For more information or questions, call AGC of Connecticut Executive Director, John Butts at 860-529-6855.

Joe Lieberman Connecticut Scholarship Program

U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman, serving 1989-2013, has established the Joe Lieberman Connecticut Scholarship Fund to assist outstanding high school seniors from Connecticut.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- ☑ Be United States citizens or permanent legal residents.
- ☑ Be high school seniors who reside in Connecticut and attend public or private high schools or home school in Connecticut.
- ☑ Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.
- ☑ Have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).
- ☑ Demonstrate outstanding leadership potential and record of community service.

Application materials are available at:

<https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/lieberman/>

All applications must be submitted electronically by

April 1st (3:00 PM Central Time) (only the first 500 applications received will be processed)

<https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/lieberman/>



SCHOLARSHIPS

**For the 2025-2026 academic year,
Main Street Community Foundation
is offering scholarships from over 90
funds to individuals pursuing
educational and career opportunities.**

APPLY TODAY

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 7, 2025**

**For more information and to apply visit:
www.mainstreetfoundation.org**



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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS PURSUING SKILLED TRADES and CULINARY ARTS

The following scholarships are available through the Main Street Community Foundation in 2025 and have a deadline of March 7, 2025 unless otherwise noted. Please read all the requirements completely and carefully before submitting an application.

The below scholarships utilize an online application. To apply, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org, fill out the application, then choose the scholarship you wish to apply for and fill out any supplemental information requested:



Stanley P. Bitel Memorial Fund

\$10,000

This scholarship was established in 2015 through gifts from family and friends to honor the life of Stanley P. Bitel, the founder of Rowley Spring and Stamping Corporation in Bristol which was founded in 1954. He personified entrepreneurial spirit, continual learning and self achievement all characteristics that should be displayed by the recipient.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Open to residents of the state of Connecticut who are a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled post secondary student or an adult learner seeking qualifying skilled training in the manufacturing trade
- Past recipients of the scholarship are not eligible to reapply
- Qualifying training includes apprenticeship programs, technical education/trade schools, workforce development programs or pursuit of a four year degree in business or engineering as it relates to a career in manufacturing
- Work history
- Academic achievement, with a minimum of a B average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale)

Letter of Recommendation Requirement: Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher and one of which must be from an employer, that demonstrates that the applicant is a "go-getter".

Essay requirement: The manufacturing industry has an abundance of career opportunities including engineering, sales, finance, management, precision machinist, distribution, quality control inspectors, tool & die maker, lean manufacturing, supply chain management, just to name just a few.

Write a one page essay introducing yourself and describing why you wish to pursue a career in the manufacturing field.

Rit Croce Academic and Vocational Scholarship

\$1,000

This scholarship was established in 2014 by the family and friends of Rit Croce to honor his life and his commitment to local students.

Eligibility requirements:

- Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott
- Either an adult returning to school or a graduating senior pursuing post secondary education at a vocational school or a two-year or four-year college or university
- Preference will be given primarily to adult learners pursuing a trade or major in education
- Financial need
- Evidence of good moral character and the ability to deal with challenges/obstacles in life

Letter of Recommendation Requirement: Two letters of recommendation, which must be from a coach, teacher, employer, etc. who knows you well.

Essay requirement: Write a brief essay explaining your goals and any special circumstances that you feel demonstrate your need for this scholarship.

Ray Machine Corp./Ray & Darlene Lassy Family Fund**\$2,050**

Ray Lassy, a longtime resident of Plymouth, established this scholarship fund in 2017 to assist students who have the same passion he did. Working for over 50 years in a field he loved, Ray started a small tool and die business in the basement of his parents' house while working at a machining manufacturer. He eventually opened his own shop in Terryville before expanding the business to Ray Machine Corporation, also located in Terryville. Ray held several patents for parts he designed and tooled and was passionate about the work he did.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Graduating senior from Terryville High School or Thomaston High School
- Applicants must be pursuing a two-year or 4-year study program or equivalent in precision machining (i.e. CNC operator, machinist, etc.), mechanical engineering, or manufacturing and design at a qualified technical education school, community college, or four-year college or university
- Must have dealt with challenges/obstacles

Letter of Recommendation Requirement: No letters of recommendation required.

Essay Requirement: No essay required.

NESMA Scholarship Fund**\$2,500**

In March 2010, the New England Spring and Metalstamping Association established a fund to provide two scholarships that will be awarded annually.

Award #1 to a graduating senior attending high school in a New England state (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Eligibility Requirements:

- Pursuing a certificate program in advanced manufacturing
- OR**
- Pursuing post-secondary education in mechanical engineering
 - Preference will be given to those applicants entering an advanced manufacturing program
 - Evidence of successful completion of courses relevant to your chosen career field
 - Community Service
 - Financial need is considered

Letter of Recommendation Requirement: Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a math or science teacher and one from someone who knows you well.

Essay Requirement: Write an essay addressing your desire to enter your chosen field and state your career goals. Limit your thoughts to no more than one page.

Douglas Roland Aid for the Trades Scholarship Fund**up to \$9,700**

This scholarship was established in 2009 by the parents of Douglas Roland to honor his memory.

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must possess a high school diploma or a GED certificate and be residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott
- Financial need
- Be seeking career training in an occupational program
- Preference given to applicants entering a training program that does not exceed two years

Letter of Recommendation Requirement: One letter of recommendation.

Essay requirement: Write a brief personal statement of how this scholarship will help give you a "step up" to become more self-sustaining and how you will financially contribute to your career training.

Jeffrey Downes Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Trades**\$750**

Established in 2015, this scholarship fund honors the memory of Jeffrey Downes who passed away in 2015 after a hard fought battle with cancer.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott
- Applicants must be seeking qualified skilled training as a commercial driver or other skilled trade. Qualified training includes apprenticeship programs, technical education trade schools, other career training program with a focus on a skilled trade area (i.e. CDL, electrician, plumber, HVAC, precision machining, automotive technology, welding and metal fabrication, etc.)
- Preference to applicants seeking a commercial driver license (CDL)
- May not be at the top of the class academically but maintain a minimum of a C average
- Preference for applicants that do not qualify for financial assistance from other sources
- Must demonstrate a passion for their chosen profession

Letter of Recommendation Requirement: No letters of recommendation required.

Essay Requirements (no more than a paragraph each):

- Describe your passion for your chosen profession and how you plan to use your training to accomplish your career goals.
- What does philanthropy mean to you and how do you plan to "pay it forward" in the future?

Jake Gilbert Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship Fund**\$5,000**

This scholarship was established by the Robert Rosenheim Foundation in 2022 to honor the memory of Jake Gilbert, a Plymouth resident who was diagnosed in 2019 with a rare, aggressive soft tissue sarcoma and passed away on October 21, 2022 at the young age of 24. Jake studied Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University, and this scholarship not only honors his legacy but will help inspire other culinary students who have the same passion that Jake had for food.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Graduating seniors or current college students from Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott
- Pursuing post-secondary education in the field of culinary arts; students can be pursuing a certificate, an associate degree or a bachelor's degree
- Must demonstrate a passion for culinary arts, including culinary background and prior experience
- Financial Need will be considered
- Academic achievement will be considered

Letter of Recommendation Requirement: No letters of recommendation required.

Essay Requirement: Write an essay addressing why you have chosen to pursue culinary arts.