

## DWS Trades Scholarship Program

Drake-Williams Steel is dedicated to helping youth in the Omaha/Council Bluffs Metro to attend to and succeed in higher education institutions. The purpose of the DWS Trades Scholarship program is to provide scholarships annually to high school seniors with the goal of pursuing a career in the steel industry. The recipient(s) will receive tuition funds to apply to a trade related degree [**ex: Welding, Electro-mechanical Maintenance, Machining, Drafting**] from a local community, or technical college, and an accompanying employment opportunity.

The scholarship award will include:

1. \$2,000 value cash award + \$500 for school supplies- payout schedule is detailed below.
2. College tuition paid for an approved program **up to \$100/credit hour**. There is no limit on the credit hours per quarter/semester.
3. A backpack of DWS gear and new steel-toed boots.
4. Required textbooks covered at college bookstore.

### Scholarship Program Details:

1. Deadline for scholarship applications is **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, for early graduates** and **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by 5 p.m.** for spring graduates.
2. Cash payments will be awarded as follows- \$500 for school supplies at start of term + \$500 every 3 months, for employees in good standing, for a total of \$2,000.
3. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
4. Submissions should be emailed to [scholarship@dwsteel.com](mailto:scholarship@dwsteel.com) and include the application paperwork and any supporting documents needed (i.e. recommendations, evidence of GPA etc.)
5. All submissions should be typed.
6. The selected student(s) will be notified by phone/email by April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and will be able to attend a DWS Signing Day event (date TBD) to officially accept the award and physical prizes.
7. Funds for tuition costs will be awarded to the student's institution of attendance upon evidence of registration in classes. This includes the requirement for submission of a proper student identification number and the address of said school's Registrar Office.
8. Students must be pursuing an approved program degree [**ex: Welding, Electro-mechanical Maintenance, Machining, Drafting**]
9. Employment with DWS is "at-will."

### Criteria and eligibility:

1. Applicant must be enrolled at a high school in Nebraska or Iowa.
2. Applicant must be a graduating senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have at least a 2.0 grade point average ("C" average.)
4. Applicant must demonstrate community and/or extra-curricular involvement.

- Scholarship recipient must maintain at least Part-Time status of employment at DWS in good standing to continue receiving tuition scholarship funds.
- Scholarship recipient must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA in their community college coursework to be eligible for tuition fund sponsorship.

## **DWS Scholarship Program**

### **Application Form**

Deadline: This application form and all other required documentation must be received by December 1st for early graduates or March 15th, 2024, by 5 p.m. for all others.

Email to [scholarship@dwsteel.com](mailto:scholarship@dwsteel.com).

Questions? Call 402-943-3428 Website: [www.dwsteel.com/scholarship](http://www.dwsteel.com/scholarship)

Eligibility: Students must meet these criteria to be eligible.

- I confirm I am a graduating senior at an Iowa/NE high school in Winter 2023/Spring 2024.
- I plan to pursue a trades program at a local community or technical college starting Summer and/or Fall 2024.
- If chosen for the scholarship, I will attend the Signing Day event at DWS.
- I plan to maintain at least Part-Time employment status at Drake-Williams Steel while participating in the scholarship program.

#### **A. Personal Information**

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade Point Average (GPA):

*\*Official Copy of Transcripts from the above school is required at the time of application.*

**B. School Information**

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Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**The "Essay" Section:**

Instructions: Depending upon the question, your response may be as short as one or two paragraphs or a detailed list. Formal essay format is not required as answers that are direct and concise are preferred. The scholarship committee realizes that applicants may not have had the opportunity to engage in activities related to one or more of the scholarship application's questions.

1. Describe your educational and/or career plan and how it developed:
2. Describe any special honors or awards you have received in the last four years:
3. Describe any classes taken or personal projects you have undertaken in high school related to the trades industry and what you learned:

Examples:

\*If question 3 is not applicable, briefly explain why you have not had this opportunity and/or why you are interested in pursuing a trades career:

4. Briefly describe any membership activities, groups, or extracurricular school activities you have participated in.
5. List any volunteer activities in the community that you participate in and provide a brief description for each.
6. List any hobbies or outside activities that are not related to the trades or school sponsored.
7. If you have decided on the college you will attend, please list the name, and if you have applied/been accepted.

**Recommendations**

Please provide 2 scholarship recommendation forms from any of the following sources:

Teachers

School administrators

Employers

Community members

*\*May not be a relative of student*

**DWS SCHOLARSHIP  
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Please type your responses.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please, provide your name, phone number, and email address:

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Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this student?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant in the categories below:

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent (Top 10%)
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpersonal Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Values/Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Feel free to give reasons for any of your ratings. Often, an explanation is helpful in the selection process.

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Why should this person receive a scholarship?

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Additional comments:

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