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# Grainger Tools for Tomorrow<sup>®</sup> scholarship program

## For More Information

Contact your technical education instructor, department chair, scholarship coordinator or visit your financial aid office for an application.

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## Who Is Grainger?

W.W. Grainger, Inc. is the leading broad line supplier of facilities maintenance products serving businesses and institutions throughout North America. More than 18,000 employees help customers get the job done, saving them time and money by having the right products, such as pumps, motors, tools and lighting, to keep their facilities running. Grainger operates more than 600 branches, 18 distribution centers and multiple websites. Our longstanding commitment to the communities we serve includes philanthropic support in the areas of disaster relief and technical education.

## What is the Grainger Tools for Tomorrow® scholarship program?

Our nation is experiencing a severe shortage of trained, skilled laborers in manufacturing, welding and numerous other trades. This shortage, due to retiring Baby Boomers and a decline in technical education enrollment, could critically impact the health and vitality of our local economies and national infrastructure.

Since 2006, the Grainger Tools for Tomorrow® scholarship program has helped technical education students across the country realize their educational goals. The scholarship recognizes outstanding students with a \$2,000 scholarship prior to their second year of schooling and a customized Westward® toolkit upon successful completion of the student's technical education program.



## Who is Eligible to Apply?

Applicants must be United States citizens entering their second-year at a technical school, in which they are studying electronic systems, heating/air conditioning, plumbing, pneumatics, welding, automotive, construction, facilities maintenance or other industrial trade. Students must be enrolled both fall and spring semesters and graduate from the same school at which they applied – the scholarship is not transferable to another institution. The scholarship monies must also be used by the student within 12 months of receipt.

## What are the Criteria to Apply?

All applicants must provide the following:

- One letter of recommendation from a professor, teacher or advisor.
- A list of clubs, activities, accomplishments, leadership roles held and years involved, including those related to their field of study.
- An essay of 200-300 words on why the student chose to study technical education, how their achievements and/or leadership roles have helped them grow individually and their future goals within the technical field.
- GPA must be 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Grainger employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.

## What is Involved in the Selection Process?

Print and/or online applications are made available at each of the selected schools. All applications must be submitted by the school's deadline.

A panel of qualified judges, consisting of school faculty, staff and board of director members, reviews the applications for educational merit, technical achievement, demonstrated leadership and commitment to the area of study. Grainger approves all final winners.

The selected winners will be notified by their school and Grainger no later than June 30. All winners will be required to sign a photo release, submit to a background check and provide a quote, biography and a photo headshot.

Winners will be announced publicly later this year.

