



Grainger Tools for Tomorrow® 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?

Grainger, the leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair and operating products, helps local businesses and organizations keep their facilities running. Whether it's finding a motor for a downed assembly line or sourcing 1,000 fasteners for same-day delivery, more than 18,500 Grainger employees are committed to helping customers find quick solutions for their facility maintenance needs. Grainger operates more than 600 branches, 24 distribution centers and multiple web sites across the world.

The same Grainger expertise that enables customers to get the job done also translates to local communities, where the company is a leader in disaster preparedness and response and technical education.



What is the Grainger Tools for Tomorrow® scholarship program?

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 and a customized Westward® toolkit upon successful completion of the student's technical education 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.



Who is Eligible to Apply?

Applicants must be United States citizens or legal residents entering their final year at select community colleges in which they are studying electronic systems, heating/air conditioning, plumbing, pneumatics, welding, automotive, construction, facilities maintenance or other industrial trade.

- All students must be enrolled in at least 12 course credit hours per semester.
- The scholarship is not transferable to another institution.
- The scholarship monies must also be used by the student within 12 months of receipt.
- Grainger employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.

The Grainger Tools for Tomorrow® scholarship program is military friendly. We encourage all participating schools to share scholarship information with military veteran students enrolled in these programs. A limited number of scholarships will be set aside specifically for students who have served in the military. To qualify for the veteran scholarships, the following requirement must be met in addition to the general program eligibility requirements:

Eligible veterans must be honorably separated from the U.S. Armed Forces:

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marines
- Coast Guard



What are the Criteria to Apply?

All applicants must provide the following:

- One letter of recommendation from a professor, teacher or advisor.
- Transcript demonstrating GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- A list of clubs, activities, accomplishments, leadership roles held and years involved, including those related to their field of study or military job experience.
- 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.



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, demonstrated leadership and commitment to the area of study. Grainger confirms all final winners.

The selected winners will be notified by their school and Grainger in 2011. All winners will be required to sign a photo release, and provide a quote, biography and a photo headshot.

Winners will be announced publicly in 2011.