

Light Your Future Scholarship

Skilled Trades Scholarship Apprentice Electrician

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Guidelines and Application Packet

**For the
2016 – 2017 School Year**

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General Information

This is a very unique scholarship. If you are interested in electrical systems, a good job, an internship, and the assurance of a fairly high paying job, this is a scholarship for you. Once the apprenticeship training is complete you'll be on your way to a remarkable career.

Three scholarships will be awarded, each for \$1,000 at THS, SHS and GHS.

There is an urgent and emerging need for qualified students to pursue careers in electrical systems skilled trades. Other scholarships may be available through the IEC National Organization.

All Tech Electric is a high tech company and member of the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) and is dedicated to providing help to students interested in pursuing career pathways in various electrical fields.

The **Light Your Future - Skilled Trades scholarships** will be given to applicants willing to continue their education through the Independent Electrical Contractors Program (IEC). Each scholarship is a one-time award. Once in the program it can be renewed for four years provided certain qualification are met. Each year's program includes the potential of an employment apprenticeship either with All-Tech Electric or another possible IEC Contractor.

The first apprenticeship starts at about \$24,000. When the first year program is completed, the program is renewed, the second year of study begins and the apprenticeship compensation increases. After four years, the student has completed the program, had four years of work experience and is prepared to enter the workforce at a salary level of approximately \$40 - \$60,000 per year. These students are in high demand.

In order to be considered for this scholarship, all required documentation must be submitted by the application deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Three scholarships are available for the 2016- 2017 school year. The scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 each. They are being made available to students who have an interest in Electronics Related Skilled Trades, particularly the trade of electrician, as shown by classes and career paths they have taken.

It is highly recommended that prior to completing your application you learn more about the Independent Electrical Contractors Program by visiting their website at iecofutah.com; and that you view the video entitled *Success in the New Economy* located at...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zs6nQpVI164>

Eligibility and Guidelines

In order to qualify for these scholarships:

1. Students must submit their application using the prescribed application form.
2. Be a senior student graduating from THS, GHS, and SHS.
3. Payments of the scholarships will be made when the scholarships are awarded or soon thereafter. Students must provide evidence of their acceptance and registration from the IEC. For more information about the IEC please go to...**iecofutah.com**
4. Dependent children of Foundation Board of Directors members and members of judging teams are not eligible for these scholarships.
5. Deadline for scholarship applications is the **end of the school day on Friday, April 14, 2017.**

Scholarship Preferences and Areas of Special Interest

These scholarships are being established to help qualified students who are seeking financial support related to pursuing further education and skilled trades certifications. Factors that will weigh heavily in the selection process include:

Candidates will be evaluated on the competitive basis of:

- Record of achievement including a GPA or not less than 2.5 and adequate ACT score as shown on the students certified transcript of credits.
- The quality of the student essay particularly developing the area of emphasis.
- The quality of the student essay not to exceed 800 words in length and specifically addressing the topic – “Why I want to be a part of the 21st Century Workforce” with emphasis on electrical systems.

Other factors of value that may be included in the essay could be:

Why you want to be an electrician or work in electrical systems, awards and recognition, volunteer activity, leadership, employment already enjoyed, school extra-curricular activity, character as revealed by seriousness of purpose, initiative and moral standards. It might also include a statement of need regarding scholarship support.

- The content of one letter of recommendation.
- Provide a list of classes and work experience that you've taken that demonstrate your interest and desire to pursue a career in an electrical systems related skilled workforce career pathway.
- The scholarship applicants needs to demonstrated a substantial interest in skilled trades as shown by classes they have taken.
- The quality, completeness and content of the application packet.

Judging Weighted Values

- GPA and ACT scores 10 points
- Electrical Systems Essay 40 points
- List of skilled trades classes and / or work experiences in skilled trades 30 points
- Letter of Recommendation 20 points



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The following application must be completed and submitted for the 2016 – 2017 school year to your high school scholarship coordinator prior to the end of the school day on Friday, April 14, 2017.

Applicant’s Name: _____

Name of School: _____

Student Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Student’s Phone: _____

Email address of applicant: _____

Additional Information Required:

High school GPA Overall _____ Graduation Date: _____

Please include a certified transcript of credit from your high school including ACT score.

This scholarship can be used at the Independent Electrical Contractors training program.

As of the date of this application, have you applied to and been accepted to this institution?

Yes () No ()

Course of study you plan to pursue: _____

What semester or date do you plan to begin your studies? _____

Have you received other scholarships? Yes () No () If yes, please name them.

Are there other special economic situations that warrant consideration? If so, please explain:

Specific Light Your Future – Skilled Trades Application Information:

Requirements for the Light Your Future Scholarship are:

1. Properly complete all application form information. **Please do not bind your application or submit it in plastic sheets.**
2. Attach a **certified transcript of credit** from your high school including your GPA and ACT score.
3. Demonstrate that you have maintained a cumulative **GPA of 2.5** or higher during your high school career. In the event you do not have the 2.5 GPA but believe you should still be considered for this scholarship, provide an explanation as to why you ask for that exception.
4. Prepare one essay not to exceed 800 words in length and specifically addressing the topic – – **“Why I want to be a part of the 21st Century Workforce” with emphasis on electrical systems.** Please explain what an electrical apprenticeship may mean to you. Be sure to **explain why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship.** Proofread and correct your essay.

You may want to include in the essay information your awards and recognition, volunteer activity, leadership, employment already enjoyed, extra-curricular activities, and character. It might also include a statement of need regarding scholarship support.

- Provide a **list of classes and work experiences** that you’ve taken that demonstrate your interest and desire to pursue a skilled workforce related career pathway.
5. Include **one letter of recommendation** from a teacher, community leader, employer or someone who has the ability to speak to your character, needs, leadership and service experiences and educational intentions.
 6. Be willing to **maintain contact with the Foundation**, provide follow-up information and provide a written report on the use of the scholarship funds and progress you have made in advancing your education following the first year of post secondary education.

**Assemble all materials requested and submit them
prior to the end of the school day on**

Friday, April 14, 2017.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Skilled Trades Careers Overview*

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Students who love electronics and electrical systems should consider advanced training in a skilled trade.

Skilled Trades careers are those jobs which require some specialized training but not necessarily a degree from a university. The demand for individuals with certifications in skilled trades is high and increasing.

Many skilled tradesmen and women are self-employed, but a number of them find employment working for larger companies. These jobs can be very rewarding, are in high demand and generally pay very well. One does not need a university degree for these jobs but they almost always require specialized training.

Skilled Trades Education

Technical and trade schools have courses and provide certifications on many skilled trades careers, but numerous tradesmen and women glean their skills through apprenticeships, learning on the job as they work for an experienced mentors. Electricians are required to be licensed through the state in which they work, and typically must continue their education to stay up to date on building codes. Electricians must also renew their licenses periodically.

Skilled Trades Job Market

Skilled trades jobs are expected to increase faster than the national average of all jobs, which is 11 percent, over the next 10 years. Population and business growth, remodel and repair needs and maintenance of older structures are the reasons the Bureau of Labor Statistics gives for a roughly 20 percent average job growth rate in skilled trades careers.

Skilled Trades Salaries

Individuals who will learn a skilled trade earn well above minimum wage. The median annual wage among skilled trade jobs is around \$42,000, but it does vary depending on which field you get into. Tile and marble setters average \$37,040 per year, carpenters earn \$39,940 and electricians make the most of the three, averaging \$49,840 annually.

With the demand for an increased workforce filled with highly skilled jobs, job opportunities and pay will be growing fast. This approach can also make it possible to finance additional higher education and advancement. **Many companies provide their skilled workers with on-going paid education benefits.**

Sophisticated skilled trades jobs include areas of work such as electricians, construction workers, carpenters, concrete mason, technicians, developers, engineers of all kinds, painters, managers of projects, plumbers, welders and the like.

*Adapted from <http://www.monster.com/skilled-trades-careers>