



*The Margaret A. Patrick & W. Don Welch  
Scholarships*

*Awarded at the 52nd Annual South Carolina International Trade Conference  
October 27<sup>th</sup> –29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Kiawah Island Golf Resort, Kiawah Island, South Carolina*

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### **ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year, the S.C. International Trade Conference presents scholarships to students in memory of Mrs. Margaret A. Patrick, who was instrumental in the development of the Trade Conference and its outstanding support of transportation education, and in memory of W. Don Welch, the former executive director of the South Carolina State Ports Authority. In 2025, ten scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$2,500 each.

An applicant must be a currently enrolled at a college or university with a minimum 3.0 overall GPA. Applicants must also be either: (1) a S.C. resident attending any college or university, or (2) attending any South Carolina college or university regardless of residency, and (3) have major study as International Trade, Supply Chain Management or Business Degree.

**The selection and ranking criteria**, in order of importance, are:

- Demonstrated interest or experience in International Trade, Supply Chain Management or Business related area, to include work or volunteer experience;
- Current academic standing and performance minimum overall GPA of 3.0
- Narrative and letter of recommendation; and
- Honors and extracurricular activities.

Beyond this scholarship offer, students are also invited to attend the Conference's daily business sessions at no charge. These sessions are planned to be held at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, Kiawah Island, SC. Each session will be led by professionals who are confronted daily by a variety of international trade and logistics issues. The program agenda and other information may be found at: [www.scitc.org](http://www.scitc.org). If you are interested in attending, please contact the SCITC Scholarship chairperson at [scholarships@scitc.org](mailto:scholarships@scitc.org).

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**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES**

Applications must be received no later than **May 31st, 2026**. Recipients will be announced by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Applications and supporting documents may be e-mailed to : [scholarships@scitc.org](mailto:scholarships@scitc.org).

Eligible applicants must meet the criteria on the preceding page and must include the following:

(1) This Completed Application Form; (2) College Transcript(s) to include all institutions of higher education; (3) A Brief Narrative explaining why you should receive the scholarship; and (4) One Written Recommendation from a faculty member at your college or university.

**Full Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College or University:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Overall GPA (minimum 3.0)** \_\_\_\_\_

**List honors, accomplishments, and extracurricular activities, including any related to International Trade, Supply Chain Management, Business, Manufacturing, Engineering, Science or skilled trade:**

**List any paid or voluntary experiences related to International Trade, Supply Chain Management, Business, Manufacturing, Engineering, Science or skilled trade:**



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