

The Margaret A. Patrick & W. Don Welch Scholarship

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 2024, eight 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 Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, 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. If you are interested in attending, please contact the SCITC Scholarship chairperson at scholarships@scitc.org.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES

Applications must be received no later than **May 31st, 2025**. Recipients will be announced by July 1st, 2025. Applications and supporting documents may be mailed or e-mailed to: SCITC Scholarship Committee, PO BOX 1446 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29465 or email: 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:** _____

Trade School or Technical College: _____

Intended 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: