



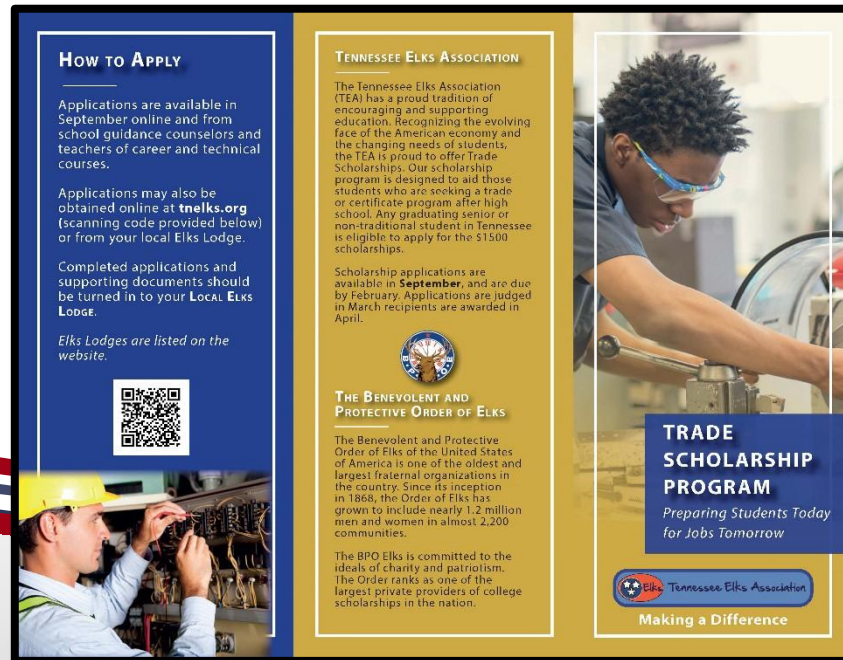
TEA TRADE SCHOLARSHIPS

Preparing Students Today For Jobs Tomorrow

Trade Scholarships



Established by the Tennessee Elks Association (TEA), our Trade Scholarship Program is designed to aid students seeking a trade or certified program after high school, who are often overlooked for financial aid.

A brochure for the Trade Scholarship Program. The left side is blue with white text, the middle is yellow with black text, and the right side features a photo of a student working on a machine.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are available in September online and from school guidance counselors and teachers of career and technical courses.

Applications may also be obtained online at tnelks.org (scanning code provided below) or from your local Elks Lodge.

Completed applications and supporting documents should be turned in to your Local **Elks Lodge**.

Elks Lodges are listed on the website.



TENNESSEE ELKS ASSOCIATION

The Tennessee Elks Association (TEA) has a proud tradition of encouraging and supporting education. Recognizing the evolving face of the American economy and the changing needs of students, the TEA is proud to offer Trade Scholarships. Our scholarship program is designed to aid those students who are seeking a trade or certificate program after high school. Any graduating senior or non-traditional student in Tennessee is eligible to apply for the \$1500 scholarships.

Scholarship applications are available in **September**, and are due by February. Applications are judged in March; recipients are awarded in April.



THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America is one of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the country. Since its inception in 1868, the Order of Elks has grown to include nearly 1.2 million men and women in almost 2,200 communities.

The BPO Elks is committed to the ideals of charity and patriotism. The Order ranks as one of the largest private providers of college scholarships in the nation.



TRADE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Preparing Students Today for Jobs Tomorrow



Making a Difference

Who is Eligible



- Graduating High School Senior
- General Educational Development (GED) Certified
- An Adult Seeking a Career Change
- Continuing Education for Current Employment

TRADE SCHOLARSHIP

The trade scholarship is an innovative scholarship intended to help those students that are often overlooked for financial aid. The trade scholarship is for graduating seniors as well as non-traditional students (those changing career fields or those needing continuing education to progress in their current career) who will be pursuing a trade or certificate program.

Who Is Eligible?

Applicants should be:

- Graduating High School Senior
- GED is Acceptable
- An Adult wanting a career change
- Continuing Education for Current Career

JUDGING CRITERIA

The trade scholarships are judged on three criteria, with each having equal weight in determining scholarship awards recipients.

- **ACADEMICS**
- **FINANCIAL NEED**
- **ESSAY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**



SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR:

- 2-Year Associates Degree
- Course Certification

TRADE PROGRAM EXAMPLES

- Administrative Office Technology
- Advance Manufacturing
- Aesthetics & Cosmetology
- Automotive and Collision Repair
- Aviation Maintenance
- Building Construction
- Computer Information
- Dental Assisting & Dental Laboratory



- HVAC & Refrigeration Technology
- Industry Electricity
- Machine Tool Technology
- Millwright Skills
- Patient Care / Medical Assisting
- Pharmacy Technology
- Pipefitting
- Plumbing
- Welding

Trades Examples



- 3-D Design and Graphics
- Administrative Office Technology
- Advance Manufacturing
- Aesthetics & Cosmetology
- Architectural Design Technology
- Automotive and Collision Repair
- Aviation Maintenance
- Building Construction
- Civil and Construction Engineering
- Computer Information
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting & Dental Laboratory
- Food and Beverage Service
- HVAC & Refrigeration Technology
- Industry Electrical and Maintenance
- Healthcare Management
- Hospitality Management
- Law Enforcement
- Machine Tool Technology
- Medical Coding
- Millwright Skills
- Music Technology
- Nursing
- Paralegal Studies
- Photography
- Patient Care / Medical Assisting
- Pharmacy Technology
- Pipefitting
- Plumbing
- Welding

Scholarships Available For



- 2 – Year Associates Degree
 - *This includes students seeking 4-year degree following the Associate Degree.*
- Licensing
- Certifications



Application Process



1. September 1, 2023

Applications available online: TNElks.org

2. January 31, 2024

Applications Due Back to Local Lodges

3. February 29, 2024

Applications Due to State Chair

4. March 23, 2024

State Judging

5. April 11-13, 2024

Winners Announced at TEA Annual Convention in
Gatlinburg



Judging Process: Overview



- Applications submitted to the Local Lodge of Applicant
- Local Lodges Responsible to Review and Sign Applications
- Trade Scholarship Committee Reviews and Selects Recipients

Judging Criteria: Traditional Student



- Academics
- Financial Need
- Essay and Letters of Recommendation

Judging Criteria:

Non-Traditional Student



- High School Diploma / GED
- Financial Need
- Desire
- Strong Reference Letter *(Non-Family)*
 - Employer
 - Community Leader
 - Pastor
 - Etc.

Judging Criteria: Sample Application



Trade Scholarship Committee.

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO LOCAL LODGE NO LATER THAN (January 29, 2021)

Applications must be legibly written or typed

Applicant's Full Name _____
Address _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Email efransen01@gmail.com Marital Status Single
Date of Birth 03/31/2002 Social Security # 410-93-8073
Are you a U.S. Citizen Yes If a naturalized citizen give date and place of naturalization _____
Name & Location of High School _____
Date of Graduation 05/21/2021 Type of Diploma High School Diploma
Grade Point Average (4 years) 3.4 ACT/SAT Score 20
Offices Held in Class or School Organizations None

Extra Circular Activities (Awards, Offices, Etc) Member of the Lewis County Football Team, 2019 All-Region, 2019 Most Valuable Defensive Back, 2020 All-Region, 2020 Most Valuable Defensive Back.

Volunteer Services (Church, Community, Etc.) List dates of service and average weekly hours separately for each activity:

Service Dates	Location	Hours	Total Hours
February 2020- May 2020	LCHS Baseball Concessions	4	64

ENDORSEMENT OF SPONSORING LODGE

This application and attachments have been reviewed, the contents verified and found to conform with the rules and regulations established by the Tennessee Elks Trade Scholarship Committee.

Lodge Scholarship Chairman _____ Date 2/3/21
Exalted Ruler or Secretary _____ Date _____
Lodge No _____

Applicant's Signature _____
Date 2/3/21

TEA TRADE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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EMPLOYMENT (List dates of employment and average hours worked weekly while attending school)

DATES OF EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYER'S NAME	JOB TYPE	AVERAGE HOURS
June 2020 - Present	Danny McKnight	Maintenance, Cashier, Custodian	15
March 2017- April 2019	Robert Fransen	Mowing Apartment Complexes	576

Attach additional sheet if needed.

List all courses taken in support of your career path. Did you take all such courses offered by your school? Due to Covid-19 I was unable to attend electric classes this school year, I am currently doing virtual learning through my Highschool

to keep my family healthy due to my mom's medical issues.

Have you applied for or expect scholarship assistance from any other source? No If yes, please provide all details _____

Name and location of approved* school you plan to attend Columbia State Pre-Apprentice Lineworker Academy

*Accredited trade or certificate school/program in the State of Tennessee or any other school approved by the TEA Trade Scholarship Committee.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS

Budget for full course completion	How many months <u>2</u>
Tuition and Fees (Full course cost NOT monthly)	\$ <u>4,500</u>
Books and Supplies	\$ <u>0</u>
Room and Board (If applicable)	\$ <u>0</u>
Travel	\$ <u>0</u>
TOTAL COSTS	\$ <u>700</u>

LESS ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Parents Contribution	\$ <u>0</u>
Student's Contribution	\$ <u>As needed</u>
Summer Earnings	\$ <u>1,800</u>
School Work/Study Employment	\$ <u>0</u>
Other Scholarships, Grants or Loans (details)	\$ <u>0</u>

TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME \$ 1,800

Amount Needed to Balance School Budget for Course \$ 5,200

I certify that information in this application is true.

Father's or Non-Traditional Father's Signature _____ Date _____
Mother's or Spouse Signature _____ Date 1/25/21

Judging Criteria: Sample Student Letter



Dear Elks Lodge,

This letter is in regards to why I want to become a lineman. For a very long time I did not know what career path was right for me. Ever since we were little kids people always asked us what we wanted to be when we grew up, my answer was never clear. I did not have this inspiration and idea of what I wanted to be like all my friends.

I did however know my abilities and I knew what I wanted in a job. I knew I didn't want to go into work everyday and know exactly what to expect with little changes day-to-day. I wanted something exciting, something that would wake me up with curiosity of what the day held. I wanted a job that would allow me to travel and see new things, but still be close to home. I had A and B's all throughout school so I knew I could get into college, but I was never much for sitting in a classroom. I respect people who attend college and I want my kids to be able to attend college, I just don't believe it is for me. Most importantly, I wanted a job that would allow me to support my family in the future. A job that we could all be proud of.

So there I was, a highschool junior with no idea what job I wanted to pursue. Through highschool I took three construction classes and a welding class at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology. Due to Covid-19 I was unable to attend any more classes at the college. It was actually one of my brother's close friends that introduced me to the job of a lineman. I was shocked, here it was this job that had everything I was looking for and more. Becoming a lineman seemed to be the perfect fit for me. I immediately started looking up requirements and schools I could go to train to become a lineman. I stayed up reading job descriptions and watching videos of linemen on the job. I even talk to a linemen that works at an electric company in my town about what I could do to better my chances of getting to work as a lineman for the company.

I started looking into the North American Lineman Training Center in McEwen Tennessee. I became worried when I talked to a friend who said it cost him around \$15,000 to attend the training center. The center is over an hour away so I would have to pay for living expenses to attend or drive there each day. I began to think my dream job was only going to be a dream. Thankfully, Columbia State Community College just opened a Lineman Program that only cost \$5,000 and was only thirty minutes away. Even though Columbia State is cheaper, my mother and I would still have to require a loan for support. It will give me all the certifications and training I need to achieve my dream job. As I stated earlier, I never had a clear answer to the question what do you want to be when you grow up. It was always a question mark that needed to be answered. Becoming a lineman is my answer, all the inspiration and desire to be something is now being directed into becoming a lineman. Now when I am asked the question what do you want to be after highschool, I can now clearly say I want to be a lineman.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Judging Criteria: Sample Parent Letter



Dear Elk Lodge Association,

This letter is in reference to my son, _____, and his need for financial assistance to further his education. _____ wants to pursue a career as a lineman however, this is a program for which financial aid does not apply. I am a single mother of three, for which Ethan is the youngest. His sister is in law school at Belmont University and his brother will be attending the University of Tennessee-Martin at Parsons in the fall. Although they all have part time jobs, I continue to financially support their basic needs of life. I have Multiple Sclerosis, the medication for treatment is \$5,500 per month, for which my cost after insurance is \$1,000 per month. Recently this last October, I was told we would have to move out of our home, that we were renting from a family member, by January. After many prayers, struggles with the bank, and trying to find a home, we were fortunate enough to have a woman agree to let us rent a house until closing. Sadly, with the new cost of living, house repairs, and other payments I am scared I will not be able to support _____ fully through the lineman program. _____ is a hard worker who has maintained a part time job through high school while also playing football and keeping A/B grades. I, as well as all parents, wish the best for my children and know that an education for a career sets a solid foundation for achieving a more financially stable life.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judging Criteria:

Sample Reference Letter



Academic and Financial Letter of Recommendation
01/25/2021

Dear Elks Lodge Scholarship Coordinator,

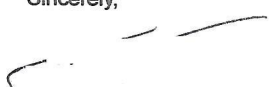
It is a genuine pleasure and honor for me to recommend _____ to your institution. In my capacity as Life Coach/Career Exploration Instructor at _____ School, I have taught and worked with _____ over the past four years. During his time here, _____ has proved himself a hard-working and responsible individual and I am delighted to provide this letter of recommendation on his behalf.

_____ possesses an exceptional blend of intellectual skill and social grace, and I believe he will contribute immensely as a student in his career field of study at Columbia State. He is an excellent student with a lively mind: students with curiosity levels and academic aptitude like that displayed by _____ are rare. I admire his genuine fascination with the subjects he studies, and his ability to approach each topic with vigor and initiative. _____ has always been driven as a student/athlete to achieve on the football field and in the classroom. He has shown time and time again qualities of a leader by living the example we all hope our children will follow. This example is just one of many: _____ demonstrates leadership skills and has the remarkable ability to manage conflict.

_____ is not only an immensely gifted and dedicated student, but a terrific addition to the classroom as well. It is often difficult to find a balance between athletics and staying focused in the classroom, while taking care of his mother. _____ exhibits a willingness to perform the hard work necessary to accomplish his goals. It is his work ethic coupled with his ability to motivate and encourage others that makes Ethan uniquely qualified to receive this scholarship.

_____ well-rounded character complements his scholastic achievement, and I could hardly imagine a candidate that would provide more talented, more capable, or more enthusiastic qualities. In the time I have spent with _____ I have been impressed immeasurably by his maturity and depth of character. Based on his accomplishments and his financial needs, I recommend _____ for this award.

Sincerely,

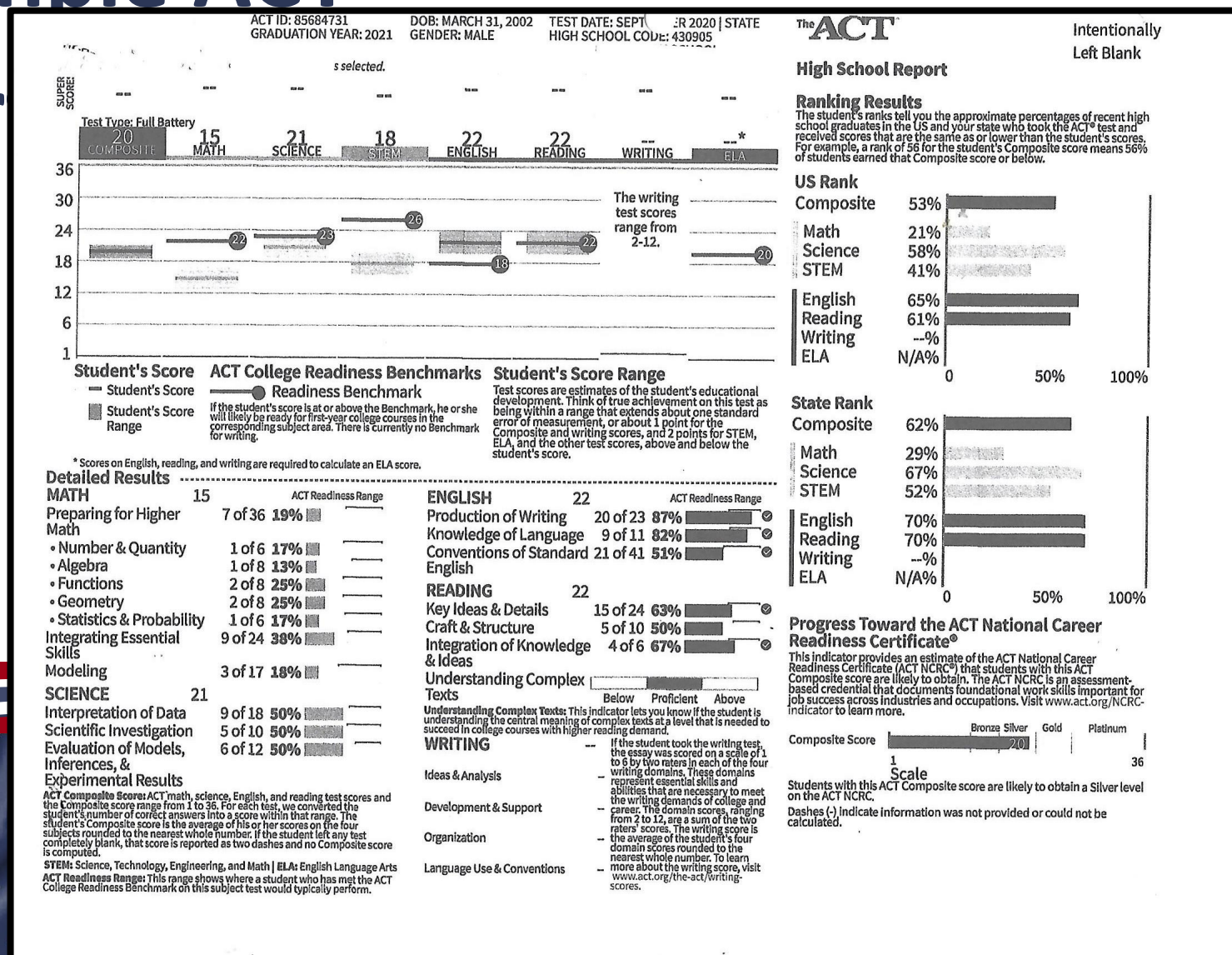


Judging Criteria: Sample Transcript



Student Name: _____		Official Transcript							
Grade: 12		January 25, 2021							
Gender: M									
Date of Birth: 03/31/2002									
		Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4	
		Grade	Credit	Grade	Credit	Grade	Credit	Grade	Credit
17-18 Lewis County High School									
English I	9					B 87	0.5	C 82	0.5
Algebra I	9					B 90	0.5	B 89	0.5
Biology I	9	B 90	0.5	B 90	0.5				
Football PE	9					A 99	0.5	A 100	0.5
Lifetime Wellness	9	A 100	0.5	A 99	0.5				
World History and Geography	9	A 96	0.5	A 98	0.5				
Fundamentals of Construction	9					A 98	0.5	A 94	0.5
Freshmen Orientation	9			P 100	0.5			P 86	0.5
18-19 Lewis County High School									
English II	10	B 92	0.5	B 92	0.5				
Geometry	10					B 90	0.5	A 93	0.5
Physical Science	10					B 90	0.5	B 87	0.5
Football PE	10					A 97	0.5	A 99	0.5
Physical Ed II	10			A 97	0.5			A 99	0.5
US Government and Civics	10	B 89	0.5	B 92	0.5				
Residential & Commercial Con I	10	A 98	0.5	A 95	0.5				
Residential & Commercial ConII	10					A 96	0.5	A 97	0.5
19-20 Lewis County High School									
JE Welding/Ind Maint	11					B 89	0.5	B 89	0.5
DE Career and Technical Ed	11					B 89	0.5	B 89	0.5
English III	11	B 91	0.5	B 91	0.5				
Algebra II	11	B 88	0.5	B 88	0.5				
Chemistry	11	C 84	0.5	A 96	0.5				
U S History and Geography	11					C 81	0.5	C 81	0.5
Football PE	11					A 100	0.5	A 100	0.5
Physical Ed II	11			A 99	0.5			A 100	0.5
ACT-English ACT-Reading ACT-Math ACT-Science ACT-Composite		9th GPA: 3.5000 10th GPA: 3.5625 11th GPA: 3.1250 12th GPA:		Cumulative GPA: 3.3913 Credit Hours: 24.00		Grad Date: 5/21/2021			
CONFIDENTIAL January 25, 2021 DATE									
The Transcript is official when seal is embossed.									

Judging Criteria: Sample ACT Per



Judging Process: Score Sheet



Tennessee Elks Association Trades Scholarship Judging

Applicant's Name _____

- Is the application signed by the Lodge representative? Lodge Name and #?
- Signature of student?
- Financial signed by parent/guardian? Brief financial situation by parent?

Demonstrates need for financial assistance (Max 30pts)

Financial info with funds needed & ability to pay

6pts	12pts	18pts	24pts	30pts	
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Student's written statement of desire (Max 25pts)

5pts	10pts	15pts	20pts	25pts	
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Grade Point Average (Max 15pts)

Passed	D	C	B	A	
3pts	6pts	9pts	12pts	15pts	

ACT Score (Max 10 pts)

Below 16	16-18	19-24	23-24	25+	
2pts	4pts	6pts	8pts	10pts	

Reference Letter (Max 20pts)

4pts	8pts	12pts	16pts	20pts	
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TOTAL OF ALL CATEGORIES (NO MORE THAN 100pts)

JUDGED BY: _____

REVIEWED AND VERIFIED BY:

BILL L. ROPER, Trade Scholarship Chairman

Arthur H. Frost, III PGER Trade Scholarships (1)



The “Arthur H. Frost Trade Scholarship” is an annual scholarship awarded to the “Best” applicant.

- \$2,000 per year
- Good for 2 years, if student qualifies by passing his/her first year.

Thank You For Attending



For questions, comments, or to request brochures and/or posters to distribute, contact:

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