

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.



Who is Eligible

usa Tennessee

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



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

usa Tennessee

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



Application Process

1. September 1, 2024

Applications available online: TNElks.org

2. January 31, 2025

Applications Due Back to Local Lodges

3. February 28, 2025

Applications Due to State Chair (Billy Clabough)

4. March 26, 2025

State Judging

5. April 3-5, 2025

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



APPLICATION MUST	BE SUBMITTED TO	D LOCAL LO	DGE NO LATI	ER THAN (January 2	0 2021)
	Applications mu				9, 2021)
Applicant's Full Name_	Transition int	or or regardy w	itten or typed		
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Address Street	City		Tennessee		
Telephone	Emailefr	ansen01@gma	il.com	State Martial Status	Zip
Date of Birth 03/31/2002	_ Social Security	#410)-93-8073		Single
Are you a U.S. Citizen Yes If a I	naturalized citizen gi	ve date and pla	ice of naturalia	estion	
Name & Location of High School			or medianz	411011	
Date of Graduation05/21/2021				Coheel D. 1	
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Offices Held in Class or School Orga	nizations None				
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TO BE COMPLETED BY	ALL APPLICANTS					
Budget for full course completion Tuition and Fees (Full course cost NOT monthly)	How many months 2 \$ 4,500					
Books and Supplies Room and Board (If applicable) Travel	S 0 S 0					
TOTAL COSTS	\$ 700					
LESS ANTICIPATED INCOME: Parents Contribution	S 0					
Student's Contribution Summer Earnings	\$ 0 \$ As needed \$ 1,800					
School Work/Study Employment Other Scholarships, Grants or Loans (details)	\$ 0 \$ 0					
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 5' Mother's or Spouse Signature	Date					
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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 lineman 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 ully through the lineman program. 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 not 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 re 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: monstrates leadership skills and has the remarkable ability to manage conflict.

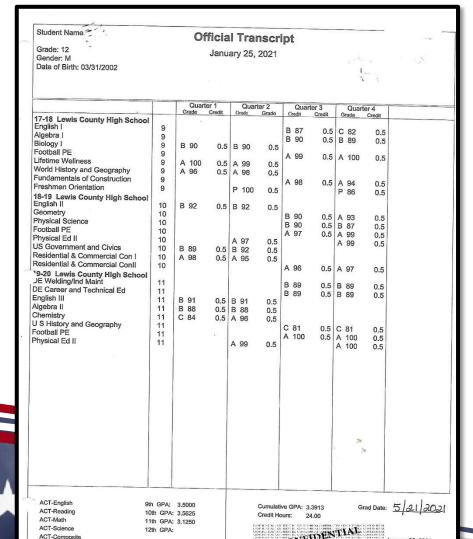
s not only an immensely gifted and dedicated student, but a terrific addition to the classroom as well. It is often difficult to find a balance between athletics and staying focused in the classroom, while taking care of his mother exhibits a willingness to perform the hard work necessary to accomplish 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.

rell-rounded character compliments 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

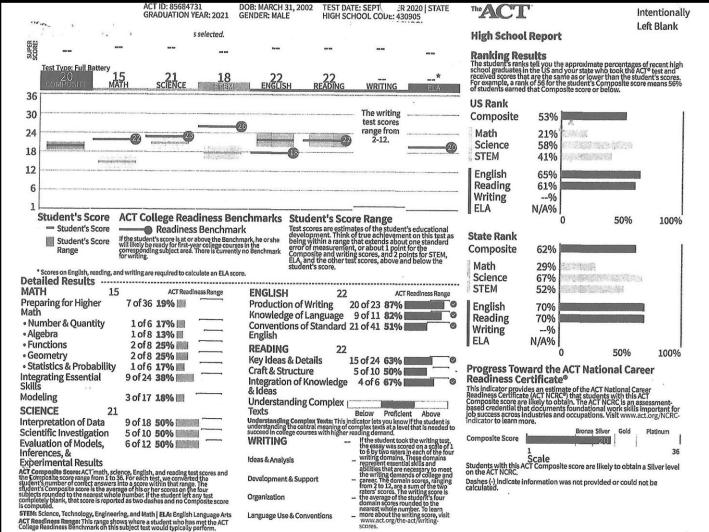


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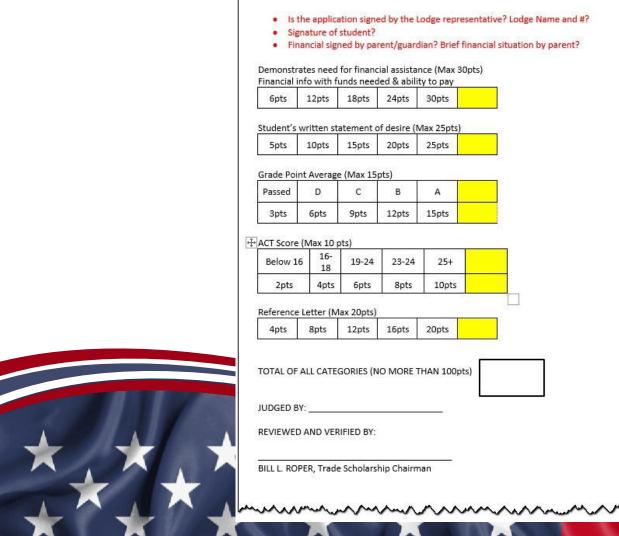
Judging Criteria: Sample ACT Performance





Judging Process: Score Sheet

Tennessee Elks Association Trades Scholarship Judging



Applicant's Name



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



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