Blue Collar Scholars Scholarship Application Criteria

Eligibility Requirements

- **Education Level:** Open to high school seniors, recent graduates, or current college/trade school students.
- **Field of Study:** Must be pursuing or planning to pursue a trade, technical, or vocational education program. (Our main focus is on Blue Collar skilled trades.)
- **Academic Standing:** Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- **Financial Need:** Preference given to applicants demonstrating financial need.
- **Character & Work Ethic:** Must show strong work ethic, community involvement, and commitment to blue-collar values.

Application Materials

- **Completed Application Form**
- **Official Transcript** (high school or college)
- **Two Letters of Recommendation** (from teachers, employers, or community leaders)
- **Personal Essay** (500–750 words) describing career goals, motivation for pursuing a trade, and how the scholarship will help achieve those goals. We would prefer a short video submitted via email if possible.
- **Proof of Enrollment or Acceptance** into a trade or technical program

Selection Process

- Applications reviewed by the Blue Collar Scholars Committee.
- Finalists may be contacted for an interview.
- Recipients will be notified by mail and announced on the Blue Collar Scholars website.

Important Dates

- **Application Opens:** December 15, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** May 1, 2027
- **Winners Announced:** May 7, 2027

Submission Information

Mail or email completed applications and supporting documents to:
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