



APPLICATION FOR THE BANKS ON TRADES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Banks on Trades Scholarship: This scholarship is provided by M & B Auctions Inc. for students planning to enroll full-time at an accredited vocational, trade or technical institution of post-secondary education.

This scholarship is for those students who wish to pursue a career by means of a trade, vocational, or technical institution. An example of a trade could be auctioneering, welding, pipefitting, cosmetology, HVAC, massage therapy, electrician, plumbing, construction management, and many more.

- 1 scholarship will be awarded annually
- Award Amount: \$1,000.00 (One Time Payment)
- Past recipients could apply each year to be in the selection processes with new applicants, but new applicants are the selection preference

Application Deadline: Tuesday March 31, 2026.

Indicate if you are applying for a first-time Banks on Trades Scholarship or for a renewal of your scholarship.

I am applying for the _____ Scholarship

Banks on Trades Scholarship

A Clinton High School graduate may apply for the Banks on Trades Scholarship. Scholarship candidates are evaluated by completing an application, and submitting an essay to the scholarship committee. A complete application includes:

- **General information Document**- See attached form.
- **Applicant Essay**- See attached form.
- **High School Transcript(s)**- Complete, except for last semester
- **College Transcript(s)**- for any college courses completed while in high school or for renewals
- **Two letters of recommendation** - Request and submit two (2) letters of recommendation, only one of which may be provided by a current or recent teacher or school employee, and one provided by a contact outside of the school district. Do not use relatives or CCEF board members.
- **Be sure to include all of the above or the application will be denied.**

Completed applications MUST BE RETURNED in a sealed envelope to the high school guidance office by the application deadline noted on the application packet cover page. The outside of the envelope must be marked with the student's name and CCEF- Banks on Trades Scholarship.

Those students selected to receive a scholarship will receive further instructions outlining the eligibility requirements for disbursement of the scholarship award.

The number of scholarships awarded will be one for first-time applicants (this is preferred) OR one for applicants who are renewing (if there are no new applicants). Scholarship decisions are made by the scholarship committee which is comprised of district faculty members, CCEF board members, M & B Auctions Inc. family members, and/or community members. An interview is not required. The Clinton Community Educational Foundation has the final decision on all scholarship awards.

Questions: Contact the CCEF Scholarship Committee by email at info@ccef15.org.

General Information Document

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

H. S. Grade Point Average: _____ SAT/ACT Composite Score: _____

POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

School/Program attendance plans, include school/institute name and program of study:

COLLEGE STANDING (for renewals) – list GPA and continuing program

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am currently in my last academic year and graduating from Clinton Community High School. All information provided on this application is true and accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Applicant Essay

In an essay of approximately 500 words, describe why are you interested in pursuing a career in trade? What would this scholarship mean to you? Describe the life experiences and/or people that have most influenced your career decision. How do you envision those influences impacting your future?

Please double space and use a legible font 12 pt. or larger. Sign and date below and attach the essay to the back of this form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

In your letter of recommendation, the writers should mention how long and under what circumstances they have known you. Please comment on the applicant's potential. Please instruct the writers to submit the letter in a sealed envelope. Include the two letters of recommendation with the rest of the application packet. Remember, request and submit two (2) letters of recommendation, only one of which may be provided by a current or recent teacher or school employee, and **one provided by a contact outside of the school district** (a family friend, church leader, coach of non-school related activity, previous employer, etc.). **Do not use relatives or CCEF board members.**

Reference's Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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