

2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT



SCHOLARSHIPS

This report highlights the annual scholarships, the donors and quotes from SkillsUSA scholarship recipients who applied their awards to the 2024-2025 academic year. This report does not include all prizes and scholarships awarded by SkillsUSA and SkillsUSA donors, such as those awarded to medalists at the National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC).

With the generous support of industry partners and families invested in the future of skilled workers, approximately \$553,152 in SkillsUSA scholarships were made available to SkillsUSA members in the 2024-2025 academic year. In this banner scholarship year, 280 students accepted scholarships to attend postsecondary training or SkillsUSA conferences.

SKILLSUSA–AEROTEK “MAKE YOUR MARK” SCHOLARSHIP

In 2025, thanks to a generous donation from Aerotek, SkillsUSA members in select pathways planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a community college, technical college, certification program or apprenticeship were eligible to apply for the new SkillsUSA Aerotek “Make Your Mark” Scholarship. In fall of 2024 and spring of 2025, 196 students applied for the Aerotek “Make Your Mark” scholarship and 135 students were selected for an award of up to \$5,000 to continue their postsecondary training in their chosen field of study. Here are thank-you messages from some of our 2024–2025 SkillsUSA Aerotek “Make Your Mark” scholarship winners. [See the full list of winners.](#)



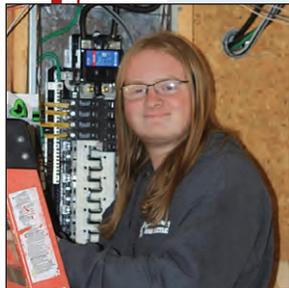
MESSAGES FROM 2024–2025 RECIPIENTS



Blake Archer

South Georgia Technical College, Georgia

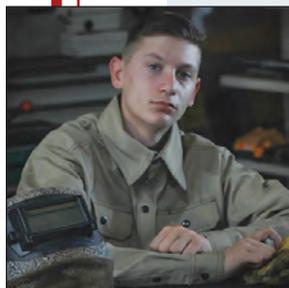
“As a dedicated SkillsUSA member, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Aerotek for their generous donation for the ‘Make Your Mark’ scholarship. Your contribution not only helps students, including myself, pursue higher education but also promotes the development of a skilled workforce vital for America’s future. I truly value your support in both my personal development and the progress of skilled trades.”



Zakkery Atkinson

Table Rock Career Center, Missouri

“Thank you for the opportunity that this scholarship will give me. It will help me reach my goals by providing me the tools I need to take the Automation and Robotics course. Without this scholarship I would need to pay out of pocket for my tools and that is funds that are required elsewhere for my college.”



Christian Azdell

Iron Eagle Welding Academy, Missouri

“Thank you SkillsUSA for the opportunity given to me, this scholarship will help me attain my Career goal of gaining my certifications in pipe welding. This scholarship will also help me with attaining my career goals of travel welding for financial stability, as well as obtaining the training needed to be a successful welder.”

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Cedric Blacknall

Heating & Air Conditioning Contractors of MD (HACC), Maryland

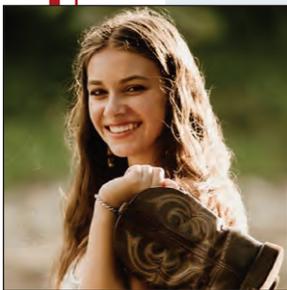
“I am incredibly grateful for your generous support through this scholarship. It means so much to me as I begin my journey in the HVAC field. This scholarship will help me cover essential costs related to my apprenticeship, including tuition and tools. More importantly, it allows me to focus on gaining hands-on experience and building the skills needed to become a licensed HVAC technician. Thank you for investing in my future and helping me build a strong foundation for a successful career.”



Jacob Derryberry

TCAT Jackson, Tennessee

“Thank you for the opportunity that is being provided to me. I greatly appreciate that I am able to obtain the tools that I will be using almost every day and they will be needed in the work environment. This act won’t go unnoticed and I will put these tools to good work use. Thank you sponsors!”



Alexis DeTillian

Pickaway Ross CTC, Ohio

“I am tremendously grateful to the sponsors of this scholarship. It truly makes a huge difference in the affordability of my schooling this year. With the money from this scholarship, I will have the tools and technology needed to succeed in my studies. Thank you for your support!”



Mackenzie Eads

Cabot High School, Arkansas

“Thank you so much for your generous support through the SkillsUSA Aerotek scholarship. I am incredibly honored to have been selected as a recipient. This scholarship will help ease the financial burden of tuition and related expenses of my program, allowing me to focus more on my coursework and practical experiences. I am currently pursuing OSHA Inspection and Industrial Maintenance. Thanks again for your support and believing in me!”

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Brianna Finley

Calhoun Community College, Alabama

“I am very blessed to accept this scholarship. I want to thank Aerotek and all the sponsors involved. This scholarship will help me obtain the training and knowledge to achieve my career goals in Systems Engineering. I am a wife and mother to a two-year-old. I want to show others to always believe in themselves and keep pushing because you never know what blessings are right around the corner.”



Aiden Gaines

ASU – Three Rivers, Arkansas

“Thank you for your generous sponsorship of this scholarship. Your support will significantly aid me in pursuing my college education and equip me with the tools I need to achieve my goal of becoming an ASE Certified Master Technician.”

Natalie Garrett

Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Chattanooga State, Arkansas

“I am so honored to be a recipient of the SkillsUSA/Aerotek “Make Your Mark” Scholarship. I am currently working as an Apprentice Automotive Technician while wrapping up my degree in Automotive Technology. This fall I plan to begin pursuing an associates degree in Engineering Systems Technology, with a concentration in Industrial Technology. Thank you SkillsUSA and Aerotek for giving me the support I need to invest in my future, and make my mark in my trade.”



Aimee Hawley

Lanier Technical College, Georgia

“I would like to thank all those involved for this opportunity and this scholarship. I am extremely grateful and am looking forward to advancing in this career as a woman thanks to you all. I hope to use this scholarship to move closer to my goal and be able to graduate and pursue my career in Diesel Technology sooner than anticipated.”

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Nolan Heavilin

Northland Career Center, Missouri

“I really appreciate your support in helping me continue my education and work toward my goal of becoming a heavy equipment technician. This scholarship takes a massive financial weight off my shoulders. I’ve always loved working on engines and learning how things work, and this will help me get the training I need to turn that into a career. Thank you again for believing in me and investing in my future. It truly means a lot.”



Matthew Lewis.

Craven Community College, North Carolina

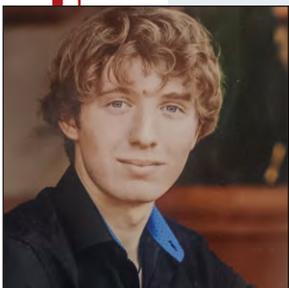
“This scholarship will allow me to focus more on my skills and prepare myself to apply for jobs after this upcoming school year rather than worrying about how I will pay for classes and supplies. Thank you for placing your trust and support in me.”



Levi Lynde

Tennessee College of Applied Technology (Knoxville), Tennessee

“Thank you Skills USA and Aerotek, receiving the Make Your Mark Scholarship is a true honor, it will jumpstart my career in electrical and allow me the tools that I will need to get the job done well and efficiently. It is such a great blessing and an answer to prayer to receive this scholarship, thank you for your generosity!”



Noah Pittenger

Sabuaro High School, Arizona

“I am very thankful and pleased to have received this scholarship. By having this scholarship, it’ll allow me to afford my tuition and the tools I’ll need in my aviation career. I’m very excited to start this chapter of my life and it wouldn’t have been possible without this reward. Without it I don’t believe I’d be able to afford it as easily. By granting this scholarship to me you are enabling me to achieve a dream career!”

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Kyleigh Reynolds

York Technical College, South Carolina

“I am incredibly grateful to have been awarded the Aerotek 2025 Make Your Mark scholarship. This scholarship motivates me to pursue my academic goals with renewed determination. I am excited about the future and committed to maximizing my potential. I also plan to continue using my skills to give back to my community. Thank you for believing in my potential; this opportunity will truly make a difference in my life, and I am sincerely thankful.”



James Rolf

Northeast Community College, Nebraska

“Thank you so much for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. This gives me a great advantage as I am one year away from graduating and pursuing my career goals after college. It helps me be able to have no debt going out into college which will help dramatically as I try to build my own business one day.”



Scipio Spinks

Salt Lake City Community College, Utah

“I want to say a big thank you for awarding me the “Make Your Mark” scholarship. I’m very grateful for your support. This scholarship will make a huge difference for me. It takes a lot of the financial stress off my shoulders, so I can focus more on my studies and my career goals. It’s a big step towards my career in Construction Management. Thanks to your generosity, I feel even more motivated to work hard and succeed.”



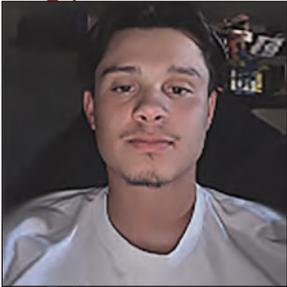
Madelyn Throckmorton

Excelsior Springs Area Career Center, Missouri

“Thank you for sponsoring this scholarship. By receiving this scholarship, I will be able to completely focus on my studies without the worry of finances. Additionally, I will be able to purchase long-lasting tools and books to use during school and in my future career as a HVAC technician. This financial aid will significantly improve my ability to pursue my career goals. Finally, I am so grateful for the opportunity to receive this scholarship so I can pursue higher education within the skilled trades without having to worry about the financial burden.”

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Maxamus Wagner

Casa Grande Union High School, Arizona

“I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your generous support through the ‘Make Your Mark’ scholarship. It is truly an honor to be selected as a recipient, and I want to sincerely thank you for investing in my education and future. This scholarship will significantly ease the financial burden of college, allowing me to focus more on my studies and pursue opportunities that align with my long-term goals. Thank you again for your confidence in my potential and for making a difference in my life.”



Justus Wilson

TCAT (Humboldt), Tennessee

“I feel honored and grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the Make your Mark scholarship. I want to thank you for your generosity in funding this scholarship. It is a great help to me financially, especially in these uncertain times once again thank you so much for picking me.”



Amariah Wright

Northeast Arkansas Career and Technical Center, Arkansas

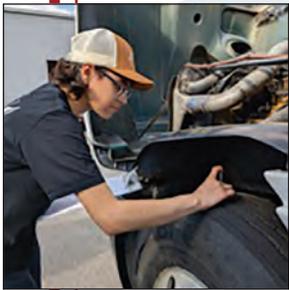
“I am extremely thankful and I am so grateful to have been selected to receive this scholarship. Attaining my career goals will be easier with the help of this scholarship. It will make my tuition more affordable and I will be able to get the necessary education to succeed in my future career. I want to thank Aerotek for providing me with this amazing opportunity.”

SKILLSUSA WD-40 SCHOLARSHIP

In the 2024–2025 academic year, 96 students applied to the WD-40 Scholarship. Ten students were selected to receive a \$1,500 postsecondary scholarship exclusively for SkillsUSA members. These scholarships are open to students preparing for careers in CNC, HVAC, Electrical Construction Wiring, Welding, Automotive Service Technology, and a variety of other Transportation, Distribution and Logistics fields.



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Jaelyn Chavez

Lanier Technical College, Georgia

“It is truly an honor to be selected as a recipient. This scholarship will aid my dreams in completing my two programs of study: a diploma in Diesel Equipment Technology and a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering. Ultimately, it will bring me a step closer to my goal in becoming an engineer. I am grateful that I won’t have to worry about my financial situation. Thank you for giving me a chance to make my dream reality! Words cannot express how thankful I am.”



Fisher Hendrickson

West – MEC NEC, Arizona

“You have recognized me as a meaningful participant, and trust that I will use this scholarship to do good in continuing my education. This will help me with my scholarly journey, and I am very proud that I have accomplished this, and was able to convey that I deserve this scholarship, and that you believed in me to use it. I can’t thank you enough. This scholarship will help me towards my journey through postsecondary education and through my working life. Money towards my education gives me an opportunity for more money to invest into my job.”



Max Pepper

MMCRU, Iowa

“The money will be used for my tuition during my years at DMACC. Thank you for being willing to help me pay for my schooling and acknowledging all of my time spent throughout SkillsUSA. I am honored to accept the award from you and it will be put to good use.”

SKILLSUSA WD-40 SCHOLARSHIP

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Sarah St. Laurent

Tantasqua Regional High School, Massachusetts

“I am honored and deeply grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the WD-40 Scholarship, thank you! This award is a meaningful recognition of the hard work and dedication I have put into my high school years, and I am thankful for your support. Thanks to this scholarship, I am now one step closer to becoming a Licensed Electrician through the IBEW Union. Your generosity will ease the financial burden of my journey, and allow me to focus fully on building a successful future in the trades. It means a lot that companies like WD-40 are committed to investing in the next generation of skilled workers.”



Gavin Shoun

Unaka High School, Tennessee

“I would like to sincerely thank you for this most generous gift. I am honored yet humbled to be this year’s recipient of the WD-40 Scholarship. Your generosity will help fund the next chapter in my life while being enrolled at Lincoln Tech/NADC making it possible for me to ignite my potential. Thank you again for helping make my dreams become a reality.”



Joshua Stover

Waubonsee Community College, Illinois

“I just want to say thank you so much for your support and for giving me the opportunity to apply for this scholarship through SkillsUSA. This scholarship will go a long way in helping me complete my education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale starting this fall. It will also definitely help me to achieve my goal of becoming a diagnostician, and for that I am extremely grateful.”

THE SKILLSUSA NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ASSOCIATION (NAPA) SCHOLARSHIP

In the 2024–2025 academic year, 24 students applied to the NAPA Scholarship. Eight students were selected to receive a \$2,500 postsecondary scholarship exclusively for SkillsUSA members. NAPA is proud to partner with SkillsUSA to support the next generation of skilled professionals. This scholarship is dedicated to students in the transportation repair pathway who demonstrate a commitment to learning, excellence and advancing the future of the industry.



MESSAGES FROM 2024–2025 RECIPIENTS



Jackson Linger

Ohio Hi Point Career Center, Ohio

“Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of the NAPA Scholarship. I’m truly grateful for your support. This scholarship will help me continue my education in Diesel Technology and move closer to achieving my goal of becoming a certified diesel technician. With this support, I can focus more on my training and hands-on learning without the added financial stress. It also motivates me to keep working hard toward a career in the transportation and equipment industry, where I hope to grow and eventually help train the next generation of technicians.”



Landen Olsen

Nebo Advanced Learning Center, Nebo Advanced Learning Center

“I am incredibly honored and appreciative of this opportunity. This scholarship will play a vital role in helping me achieve my career goals in the diesel technology field. As someone passionate about mechanics, I’ve spent years working with farm equipment, restoring my own truck, and gaining hands-on experience at a vintage restoration shop. This scholarship will not only bring me closer to achieving my career aspirations but also allow me to support the next generation of young people interested in agriculture and mechanics.”

THE SKILLSUSA NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ASSOCIATION (NAPA) SCHOLARSHIP

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Isabella Roll

North Dakota State College of Science, North Dakota

“Thank you to NAPA and SkillsUSA for selecting me for the Transportation Repair Pathway Scholarship. This financial aid will support and allow me to succeed in my pursuit of an autobody education. My plan to grow as an automotive painter is encouraged by gifts such as this one.”



Wyatt Schantz

Elkhart Area Career Center, Michigan

“I’m incredibly grateful to NAPA for awarding me this scholarship to help fund my education in Diesel Technology. Your support plays a big role in helping me achieve my goal of one day opening my own diesel performance shop. Thank you for investing in students like me and fueling the future of the diesel industry.”

HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS NLSC TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools supports SkillsUSA high school members by awarding a total of \$87,525 in travel scholarships to students competing at the 2025 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta. In 2025, 88 SkillsUSA members from 32 states and 36 competition areas received awards up to \$1250 each to offset the costs of lodging, NLSC registration and travel to Atlanta. Thanks to the generosity of Harbor Freight, available funds

allowed all eligible applicants to receive the scholarship.

[See the full list of winners.](#)

HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

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Travis Bennett

Murray-Calloway County Area Tech Center, Kentucky

“I just wanted to say a big thank you for the Harbor Freight NLSC Travel Grant. Because of your support, I was able to attend the National Leadership & Skills Conference, and it was honestly one of the best experiences I’ve ever had. Getting to meet other students from all over the country, compete, and learn from people in the industry really opened my eyes to what’s possible for my future in computerized manufacturing and machining. It gave me more confidence in my skills and got me even more excited about my career path. I really appreciate you helping make this happen for me. It means a lot knowing there are people out there who believe in students like me.”

Donald Craig

Hancock County Technical Center, Maine

“Thank you for awarding me the travel scholarship for NLSC. This opportunity allowed me to take part in an experience that I never imagined would be possible for me. I had never been involved in anything like SkillsUSA before, and being able to attend the national competition was not only exciting but also incredibly rewarding. . . . Most importantly, this experience confirmed for me that working in the diesel industry is what I truly want to pursue as a career. Competing at NLSC gave me the confidence to know that I am on the right path, and it motivated me to keep improving my skills so I can succeed in the field.”

HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS NLSC TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

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Aidan Hawkins

North Farmington High School, Michigan

“I couldn’t be more grateful for the support Harbor Freight/Tools for Schools has given me the last few years with regards to NLSC. Although getting to compete at the national level has been incredibly rewarding and significant, it has represented a financial undertaking to me and my family, especially with the limited funding my school provides. Harbor Freight has made it possible for me to represent my state on the national level, gain experience and forge connections within industry, and develop my technical skills into what they are now; had it not been for their contributions, none of this would have happened.”

Carter Morris

Mayfield-Graves County Area Tech Center, Kentucky

“I want to take a moment to thank each and every person involved in awarding me the Harbor Freight Scholarship for SkillsUSA Nationals 2025! Your generosity and support allowed me to create memories I will never forget. What I gained from Nationals is currently helping me pursue my dreams of becoming an electrical business owner! If it weren’t for Harbor Freight, I wouldn’t have been able to attend nationals. So again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do!”

Alex Potter

Cumberland Perry ACTC, Pennsylvania

“I was very delighted to have your funding for the Atlanta trip for the 2025 Skills USA competition. I originate from Duncannon, Pennsylvania, out on a dirt road so it was quite the experience being in the big city. With the funds my teammate and I were able to achieve 7th out of 17th place in the Mechatronics competition, and hope to try again in this upcoming competition.”



HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS NLSC TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

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Ben Siekert

Santana High School, California

“Thanks to your support, I was able to learn directly from experts and make valuable connections that I believe will help me throughout my career. My goal is to begin working in a shop when I turn 18, continuing to hone my craft, and eventually becoming a shop owner who values quality and integrity above all else. Thank you again, Harbor Freight, for supporting my journey. Your investment in students like me is truly making a difference.”

THE AIR-CONDITIONING, HEATING, AND REFRIGERATION INSTITUTE (AHRI) CLIFFORD “TED” REES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, up to five SkillsUSA members studying HVAC-R are selected by the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) to receive a \$2,500 award towards their continued study of HVAC-R at the college/postsecondary level in memory of Clifford “Ted” Rees. AHRI members manufacture quality, efficient and innovative HVAC-R equipment and components for sale around the world. These products account for more than 90% of the residential and commercial equipment manufactured and sold in North America. In the 2024–2025 academic year, 21 students applied to the AHRI Clifford Ted Rees Memorial Scholarship.



ABOUT THE AHRI CLIFFORD “TED” REES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Clifford H. “Ted” Rees, Jr. Scholarship Foundation was established to assist with the recruitment and competency of future heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC-R) technicians by awarding scholarships to qualified students who are enrolled in an institutionally accredited school.

MESSAGES FROM 2024–2025 RECIPIENTS

Noah Durazo

University of North Texas at Frisco, Texas

“Thank you for selecting me to receive the SkillsUSA Scholarship for the upcoming Fall 2025 school year. I was thrilled to learn I had won. I knew as a young child that I liked working with my hands, building, diagnosing, and fixing issues. As an HVAC student, my passion has only continued to grow. This is my second summer interning for a commercial HVAC company. I look forward to acquiring new information and skills to add to my current knowledge. In the fall, my goal is to be a leader in the HVAC industry.”

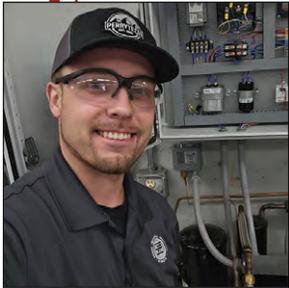
Caylan Hixon

Johnston Community College, North Carolina

“I want to sincerely thank everyone involved for making this opportunity possible. I plan to use this experience to deepen my knowledge and understanding of my trade. My goal is to continue growing in my field and eventually own a company that I can pass on to my children. I also hope that one day I’ll be able to sponsor students like myself, giving back and supporting the future of trade education.”

THE AHRI CLIFFORD “TED” REES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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Christopher Paukstis

Perry Technical Institute, Washington

“I’m honored to have been chosen to receive the Clifford H. “Ted” Reese, Jr. Scholarship, as I take my academics here in the HVAC/R program very seriously. I grew up in the Seattle area and moved to Yakima in 2018, seeking a fresh start in a new city. Perry Technical Institute is nearly a full-time job, and managing a job on top of that has made my schedule extremely tight. Your scholarship will help me pay my tuition and afford the expenses of being a student, as well as reduce the pressure associated with having such a busy schedule.”



Jonathon Rubio

Perry Technical Institute, Washington

“I would like to thank Clifford H. “Ted” Reese Jr. scholarship for awarding me with this scholarship. This scholarship will help me with my tuition and get started in my new career. It helps me not have to worry as much about financial situations and relieves some stress for when I’m just getting started.”

Tyler Tripp

Pitt Community College, North Carolina

“I joined SkillsUSA as a junior and have been amazed at how much it has helped me grow as a leader and worker. It has shaped my career goals and expanded my HVAC knowledge. I’ve met incredible people and gained experiences that pushed me forward. This scholarship will greatly support my education by helping cover textbooks, tuition, and fees. I’m truly grateful to the sponsors for this opportunity. The training I receive will make me stronger in my trade, and I highly recommend SkillsUSA to anyone it offers endless opportunities.”

THE WARNER BROS. SCHOLARSHIP

In the 2024–2025 academic year, 31 students applied to the Warner Bros. Scholarship. Fifteen students were selected to receive up to \$1,500 for the travel grants. Warner Bros. Discovery is proud to partner with SkillsUSA for travel assistance grants to the 2025 NLSC (National Leadership & Skills Conference) in specific career pathways. As a leading global media and entertainment company, WBD creates and distributes one of the world’s most comprehensive portfolios of branded content across television, film, streaming, and gaming. This grant is designed to inspire SkillsUSA members to continue pursuing skilled trades and to dream about the opportunities ahead.



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MESSAGES FROM 2024–2025 RECIPIENTS

James Edee

Cambridge High School, Georgia

“This grant not only made it possible for me and my friends to compete but also allowed me to gain valuable experience that I will undoubtedly use in the future. This scholarship gave me very helpful experience and helped me create a clear outline of what I should do for college and a job in computer science related fields, like the CIA, which is where I want to work in the future.”



Marissa Mansanas

Las Vegas Academy of the Arts, Nevada

“Thank you for your faith in my ability to compete at NLSC. I am very happy and honored to know that I am a recipient of your generous scholarship. Being awarded this alleviates heavy stress about college expenses from me and my family. With your assistance, I will be able to focus more intently on my participation with SkillsUSA and my trade, graphic design. Beginning this fall, I’ll start my undergraduate studies to achieve my dreams. These pursuits are enabled by your kind donation. Thank you again.”



BOB WESTPHAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In the 2024–2025 academic year, 28 students applied to the Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship. Four students were selected to receive a scholarship award of \$2,500 each. The scholarship provides annual awards to multiple applicants who demonstrate promise in the construction trades with an emphasis on sustainability.

ABOUT BOB WESTPHAL

The Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship program was established to honor the memory of Robert H. Westphal (1944–2020) in recognition of his impact on the oil and gas pipeline industry. The award assists students interested in a career in energy construction. Westphal committed a lifetime of leadership in pipeline construction and gave back to the industry in many ways, holding leadership positions with industry associations and working with labor organizations. Established in 2020 by Benjamin Media, publisher of Trenchless Technology, and Continuum Capital, in cooperation with SkillsUSA, the Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship has been presented since 2021 in memory of their colleague.



Bob Westphal

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Casimer Carty

Ferris State University, Michigan

“I would like to graciously thank the Westphal family for providing me with this opportunity. This scholarship is both a recognition of my efforts thus far and a gateway for me to further my education and succeed in the workforce. I truly appreciate the trust placed in me to carry on the legacy of Bob Westphal.”

Gabriela Flores

Medina Valley, Texas

“I am incredibly grateful and honored to be selected as a recipient of the Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship. Thank you for your support. This scholarship is a meaningful contribution toward my education at Texas Tech University, where I am majoring in Construction Engineering. With your support, I will be able to focus more fully on my studies and hands-on training, preparing me for a successful career in the construction industry.”



BOB WESTPHAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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Elijah McAllister

York Technical College, South Carolina

“Thanks to the generosity of the Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship toward my tuition, I can focus on my degree and have the flexibility to pursue electrical apprenticeships while attending school.”

Nate Monreal

Texas State Technical College, Texas

“I am incredibly honored and grateful for your support. This scholarship means more to me than just financial assistance; it is a vote of confidence in my education and future. With your support, I can focus more on my academic goals and less on the financial stress that often comes with pursuing higher education. Thank you once again for your generosity and investment in my future. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and hope to one day give back to others just as you have generously given to me.”



THE SHARON MELTON MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, scholarship awards of \$1,000 each are awarded to two SkillsUSA members in any pathway to support continued education at the college/postsecondary level in memory of member Sharon Ruth Melton Myers. In 2025, a total of 92 students applied to the Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship.



Sharon Melton Myers

ABOUT SHARON MELTON MYERS

Sharon Ruth Melton Myers was an active member of the McMinn County Vocational Center SkillsUSA chapter in Tennessee from 1985 to 1988. During this time, she participated in local, state and national SkillsUSA activities. She was a chapter officer in 1986–87, SkillsUSA Tennessee secretary in 1986–87 and the national president in 1987–88. She also participated on her chapter’s Opening and Closing Ceremonies team in 1986–88.

Following graduation from McMinn High School, Sharon continued to be a tireless supporter of SkillsUSA and served as a national officer trainer for several years. She was integral in establishing a SkillsUSA Tennessee alumni charter and constitution while attending David Lipscomb College in Nashville. Sharon was truly dedicated to the ideals of SkillsUSA and its mission.

MESSAGE FROM 2024–2025 RECIPIENT

Kallie Allen

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Mass.

“My goal is to study biomedical engineering as my undergraduate degree and work with medical device technology, specializing in prosthetic research. I would like to offer my deepest thanks to the sponsor of the Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship, as this scholarship helps me fund the education that will lead me closer to my dream. I plan on taking advantage of every opportunity that Virginia Tech will provide me, and with the support of this scholarship, I can do exactly that. Again, thank you tremendously to the sponsors for assisting in the funding of my education.”



THE MARSHA DAVES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SkillsUSA offers one annual merit-based \$1,500 scholarship to a state officer for college/postsecondary education in memory of Marsha Daves. In the 2024–2025 academic year, 28 students applied to the Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship.



Marsha Daves

ABOUT MARSHA DAVES

This scholarship honors Marsha Daves, a former SkillsUSA state and national leader and true champion of students who recognized how student leaders are empowered by the skills they gain through SkillsUSA and how these skills help them become better team members, leaders, employees and community members.

MESSAGE FROM 2024–2025 RECIPIENT

Marli Novy

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, Wisconsin

“Thank you so much for the Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship! It is an honor and I am so grateful for the opportunity. I am an aviation student, and this scholarship will allow me to focus on flying during school, worry free. Without this scholarship, my training could get set back, but being more financially free will allow me to pursue my passion. Thank you so much for this opportunity!”



THE SKILLSUSA NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

The SkillsUSA National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) Scholarship is made possible through a partnership between SkillsUSA and NTHS. Scholarship awards of \$1,000 each are awarded annually to four qualified students who are members of both SkillsUSA and NTHS. In the 2024–2025 academic year, 239 students applied to the NTHS Scholarship and four students were selected to receive a scholarship award. NTHS is an educational nonprofit organization that honors, recognizes and empowers students and teachers in career and technical education. As the honor society for CTE, NTHS serves over 100,000 active members each year in secondary and postsecondary chapters nationwide.



2024–2025 RECIPIENTS

Thomas Marshall – *Greater Lowell Technical High School, Massachusetts*

Scott Mull – *Tennessee College of Applied Tech, Tennessee*

Jayden Sandoval – *Dauphin County Technical School, Pennsylvania*

Corina Stewart – *Savannah Technical College, Georgia*

FINE HOMEBUILDING #KEEPCRAFTALIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Each year Fine Homebuilding magazine awards multiple \$2,500 scholarships to SkillsUSA members studying homebuilding related pathways. In the 2024–2025 academic year, 65 students applied to this scholarship and six were selected to receive a scholarship.

Fine Homebuilding's #KeepCraftAlive campaign celebrates those who have chosen to passionately pursue a career in design, building and remodeling.



2024–2025 RECIPIENTS

Christopher Bakowski – *OCM BOCES, New York*

Joseph Eskridge – *Coahoma Community College, Mississippi*

Gabriela Flores – *Medina Valley, Texas*

Jackson Giles – *Mountainland Technical College, Utah*

Demetrius Holmes – *Clover Park Technical College, Washington*

Austin Ziringer – *Tolles Career & Technical Center, Ohio*

FINE HOMEBUILDING #KEEPCRAFTALIVE SCHOLARSHIP

MESSAGES FROM 2024-2025 RECIPIENTS



Christopher Bakowski

OCM BOCES, New York

“Thank you all for giving me this scholarship. I will use it to help pay for the cost of college at Alfred State College so I can get my Associates degree in Building Trades and then a Bachelors in Construction Management. This scholarship will help me gain knowledge and experience so I can become successful in my trade and be able to run a successful business. I am very grateful for this opportunity and thank you again for giving me this scholarship to help me reach my goals.”



Joseph Eskridge

Coahoma Community College, Mississippi

“I am honored to have been selected as a recipient, and I appreciate your generosity and support. This scholarship will make a significant impact on my educational journey. As a Residential Carpentry and Electrical student at Coahoma Community College, I am passionate about working with my hands, solving problems, and building structures that people can rely on every day. Thanks to your support, I can focus more on my studies and less on the financial burden that often comes with higher education. This scholarship has eased my financial burden and motivated me to keep working hard towards my goals.”

LARRY RASH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, two scholarships of \$2,500 are awarded to SkillsUSA members studying architectural drafting in memory of Larry Rash. One award is presented to a selected applicant; the second is awarded to the national high school gold medalist in architectural drafting. In the 2024–2025 academic year, 34 students applied to the Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship.



Larry Rash

ABOUT LARRY RASH

Larry Rash grew up building with Legos. As a young adult, he studied drafting and architecture at D. Russell Lee Vocational School in Ohio, where he also had a coop position at Steed, Hammond and Paul Architects. He earned a bachelor’s degree in architectural engineering technology from the University of Cincinnati in 1982 and gained his registration from the state of Wisconsin in 1996.

Larry worked for Ryland Homes for over 20 years. In 2010, Larry joined Davis Bews Design Group (DBDG) in Tampa, Florida. At DBDG, Larry provided quality assurance reviews of every plan before it left the office, researched building codes and provided

quality feedback to drafters so that they understood specific building requirements and regulations.

Larry attended local builder association meetings and kept staff and clients up to date on changes and trends in the industry. One of his favorite hobbies was photographing architectural sites in his spare time. His life passion was designing homes where families could live out their dreams and he would be honored to sponsor students pursuing careers in architecture.

MESSAGE FROM THE 2024–2025 RECIPIENT

Amani Omar

High School For Construction Trades Engineering and Architecture, New York

“On behalf of myself, Amani Omar, and my family, I sincerely appreciate the honor of receiving this scholarship. As an aspiring architect and a member of SkillsUSA for four years, I express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to receive this scholarship to pursue my career goals. This scholarship will help cover the costs of my tuition as I obtain my bachelor’s in architecture. Assisting in tuition expenses, supplies, and transportation.”



ADAM SCHOOLCRAFT MEMORIAL NLSC TRAVEL GRANT

In the 2024–2025 academic year, 32 middle school students applied to the Adam Schoolcraft Memorial NLSC Travel Grant. One student was selected to receive this travel grant. The Adam Schoolcraft Memorial NLSC Travel Grant is in memory of Adam, a bright, kind, and curious 11-year-old who dreamed of becoming a famous YouTuber. This memorial scholarship was created to honor his life and spirit by sending a middle school student to the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference, an experience Adam was excited to attend.



2024–2025 RECIPIENT

Jaxon Wilkinson

West Virginia

ROBERT L. FLINT STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR WLTI AND LEVERAGE CONFERENCES

The Robert L. Flint Student Leadership Development Scholarship provides support for outstanding students who have a desire to attend the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI), Leverage at NLSC or another a national leadership training but who may have insufficient chapter, school or community resources to attend. This year, 25 students applied to receive the Robert L. Flint Student Leadership Development Scholarship. Four awards of \$800 for WLTI and four awards of \$1,300 for Leverage made it possible for these students to attend the events in 2024–2025.

ABOUT ROBERT FLINT

Robert L. Flint joined Caterpillar Inc. in the early 1970s and advanced through various leadership roles to become the president and chief operating officer of the renowned heavy equipment manufacturer. During his tenure, Flint was instrumental in shaping the company's strategies for growth, innovation and global expansion. Flint retired from Caterpillar in the mid-2000s, leaving behind a legacy of leadership that helped guide the company to greater success in the global marketplace. He served the SkillsUSA Board of Directors and was an industry partner and steadfast supporter of SkillsUSA.

MESSAGES FROM THE 2024–2025 RECIPIENTS

Melinda Durden

Coastal Pines Technical College, Georgia

“Thank you very much for considering my application for the 2025 R. Flint Student Leadership Development Scholarship to attend Leverage. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. I sincerely appreciate your time and effort in reviewing my materials, and I’m honored to be under consideration.”

Zsofia Fesko

East Davidson High School, North Carolina

“It is an incredible opportunity, and I would be beyond grateful to receive this scholarship. I greatly appreciate that I am considered for this; words cannot express how it would change my life.”

ROBERT L. FLINT STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (WLTl AND LEVERAGE)

MESSAGES FROM THE 2024–2025 RECIPIENTS

Landon Hageseth

Enterprise, Alabama

“Receiving this scholarship would be an incredible honor and an important step in helping me attend SkillsUSA’s Washington Leadership Training Institute. It would not only ease the financial burden of this opportunity but also empower me to develop stronger leadership and advocacy skills that I can bring back to my chapter, state association, and community. This support would represent an investment in my growth as a leader and in my commitment to serving others through SkillsUSA.”

Ethan Jamison

Lowndes County Career and Technical Center, Mississippi

“I am incredibly grateful to receive this scholarship, which will help make my dream of attending WLTl a reality. As the president of the Mississippi SkillsUSA state officer team, this opportunity will allow me to strengthen my leadership skills, represent our state with pride, and bring back valuable knowledge to serve my chapter, state association, and community. Thank you for believing in me and supporting my journey.”

Kaden Keith

Wythe County Technology Center, Virginia

“Growing up in a small rural community, I have often felt the weight of limited resources and the reality that experiences like WLTl are out of reach for students like me. My family and school do not have the means to make this possible, and without this scholarship, I would not be able to attend... It would mean being able to stand in rooms I never imagined I could enter and finding the confidence to know that my voice matters. The chance to carry back what I learn and give others in my community the inspiration and encouragement they deserve.”

ROBERT L. FLINT STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (WLTI AND LEVERAGE)

MESSAGES FROM THE 2024–2025 RECIPIENTS

Jason Mendoza-Blanco

Lanier Technical College, Georgia

“Being selected for this scholarship would mean a great deal to me, not only because it would help me attend Leverage, but because it would represent the trust you are placing in me to grow and serve others through SkillsUSA. This opportunity would allow me to be a stronger leader, reach more students, and help more members experience the same growth that SkillsUSA has given me. Thank you again for this opportunity and for supporting students like myself who are passionate about leadership, service, and building a better future.”

Terry Murray

West Carteret High School, North Carolina

“Thank you so much, scholarship WLTI team, state directors, and to Robert L. Flint for this opportunity it truly means the world coming from a middle class family that has what’s needed but can’t afford a lot of the expenses of these amazing opportunities. Thank you to all admin, staff and facilitators for their work and dedication to SkillsUSA. It means the world. I hope you all have an amazing day and take care.”

Debra Perez

Savannah Technical College, Georgia

“I want to take this moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for considering my application for the Robert L. Flint Foundation scholarship. This opportunity means a lot to me, and I appreciate having the opportunity to apply for it. I am eager to develop my leadership skills through the Leveraging workshop. This scholarship will help me grow personally and professionally while allowing me to positively impact my school and community. Thank you for your time and supporting students like me who are passionate about vocational education.”

HYUNDAI NLSC 2025 TRAVEL GRANT

In the 2024–2025 academic year, 17 students applied to the Hyundai NLSC Travel Grant. Fifteen students were selected to receive a \$1,500 travel scholarship. Hyundai is proud to offer travel scholarships to eligible high school and college/postsecondary students competing in the Automotive Service Technology or Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair competitions at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC).



2024–2025 RECIPIENTS

- Zackary Avery, West** – *Mec Northwest Campus, Arizona*
- Tyler Blair** – *Overland High School, Colorado*
- Ryan Blankenbiller** – *Berks Career & Technology Center, Pennsylvania*
- Aiden Hawkins** – *North Farmington High School, Michigan*
- Isaac Heitman** – *Vantage Career Center, Ohio*
- Maximus Lee** – *Jordan West Academy, Utah*
- Conner Leroux** – *BOCES Seaway Tech Campus, New York*
- Eddie Lopez** – *Parkside High School, Maryland*
- Simon Mathis** – *Northwest Technical Institute, Arkansas*
- Majorie Miller** – *Copper Country Intermediate School, Michigan*
- Marli Novy** – *Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, Wisconsin*
- Cohen Pack** – *Chattahoochee County High School, Georgia*
- Jack Perkins** – *North Pole High School, Alaska*
- Cameron Seals** – *Flathead High School, Montana*
- Logan Wikoff** – *Lincoln County High School, West Virginia*
- Garrett Williams** – *Collin College, Texas*



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