

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Twenty-four scholarships will be awarded based on need, clarity of career goal and availability of jobs in Southeast Minnesota.

The scholarships will be divided among the four industry sectors.

The **four industry sectors** are:

- Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Hi-Tech & Bio-Science
- Services and Trades

Scholarships will be valued **up to \$5,000 each**

(\$2,000 maximum for each of two (2) semesters) for tuition and fees.

Program/classes must be from an approved

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) educational facility.



IMPORTANT APPLICATION DATES

Semester	Deadline to Apply for Scholarships:	Scholarships Selected by:
Special Fall 2009	August 14, 2009	August 28, 2009
Spring 2010	Sept. 11, 2009	Oct. 9, 2009
Fall 2010	March 19, 2010	April 9, 2010

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COUNTY OFFICES

DODGE

104 First St. NW, Suite 108, Dodge Center, MN 55927
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100 South Main Street, Preston, MN 55965
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Skyline Mall 1649 West Main, Albert Lea, MN 56007
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1606 West Third Street, Red Wing, MN 55066
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110 East Grove Street, Caledonia, MN 55921
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1900 Eighth Avenue NW, Austin, MN 55912
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300 11th Avenue NW, Rochester, MN 55901
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201 S Lyndale Avenue Suite 1, Faribault, MN 55021
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631 North Cedar Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060
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222 West Main Street, Wabasha, MN 55981
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**Your Local Non-Profit
Workforce Investment Board**

*Workforce Investment Act
An Equal Opportunity Program*

Scholarship decisions are made by the **Workforce Investment Board**, a group comprised of key individuals from the four industry sectors.

An Equal Opportunity Program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request. This material is available in alternate formats such as Braille, Large Print or Audio Tape

STEPS TO APPLY

If currently enrolled in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) **skip to Step 4**

- 1 Contact Workforce Development, Inc. to get the initial WIA Youth application.
- 2 Complete the application and schedule an appointment with a Workforce Development, Inc. Youth Counselor. NOTE: You will need to provide proof of your previous 6-months household income (if any).

If eligible, continue scholarship application process.

- 3 Complete WIA enrollment packet and schedule career assessments.
- 4 Complete the career assessments and review the results with your Youth Counselor.
- 5 Research your career(s) of choice though MN Careers, Occupational Outlook Handbook, ISEEK, O*NET, or other career research websites. Print career information and education needed to obtain that career.
- 6 Schedule and attend a career counseling appointment with your Youth Counselor:
 - a) Bring your career research, college admission letter, transcripts and your FAFSA information.
 - b) Discuss education/training path and funding options.
 - c) Develop an educational plan that will be signed by you and your Youth Counselor



- 7 Obtain two professional recommendations - form will be provided (i.e. teachers, co-workers, employers, etc.).
- 8 Write a brief paragraph stating what this scholarship would mean to you, your career path and others in your life. Please include how you will use your degree upon completion of your current program of study.
- 9 Your Youth Counselor will submit your name and information, along with their recommendation to the Scholarship Committee.
- 10 Counselors will contact all nominees following the scholarship selection.
- 11 Finalize your Career Plan with your Youth Counselor.



SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- 1 You must be WIA eligible, and 18 - 21 years of age.
- 2 You must be a United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- 3 You must NOT be enrolled in the Dislocated Worker Program.
- 4 You must NOT currently be in default on a federal education loan.
- 5 You must be a resident in Workforce Development, Inc.'s 10 county region.
- 6 Your education/training must lead to a recognized certificate/degree, and be completed within 2 years of starting this program.
- 7 Your education/training must lead to a job on the Southeast MN Workforce Investment Board's list of "SE MN Hot Jobs".
(See www.workforcedevelopmentinc.org for a list of SE MN Hot Jobs)
- 8 You must apply for admission to a WIA approved educational facility and a WIA approved Program of Study.
(See www.careeronestop.org/WiaProviderSearch.asp)
- 9 You must complete a FAFSA application.
- 10 You must submit your transcripts and attendance records.

Corporate sponsorship of scholarships is always welcome and tax deductible.
For more information, please contact **Randy Long at 1.507.951.7305**