

2023-2024 APPLICATION INFORMATION



It's hard to imagine a world without plumbers, carpenters, electricians, and other skilled tradesmen and women who ensure water is flowing from our faucets, that we have shelter from the elements, the lights are on and more. Our world will always need important people like you in our workforce!



ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Ascendium doesn't want the cost of tools, clothing, and other equipment required for an apprenticeship to get in the way of reaching your career goals. It's why we're offering \$2,000 scholarships to eligible construction and industrial trade apprentices enrolled in one of the 16 colleges in the Wisconsin Technical College System.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete an application online at AscendiumTOTT.org.

PLEASE SUBMIT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31

You are eligible to apply if:

- You are enrolled in and receiving credit from one of the 16 Wisconsin Technical College System colleges for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters. Apprentices who graduate or complete their program in the Fall 2023 semester are not eligible.
- You are enrolled in an eligible construction or industrial trade (see a list of eligible trades on the application).
- Your income is less than or equal to three times the federal poverty level (see table within application to determine eligibility).
- You submit a completed application via AscendiumTOTT.org by October 31, 2023.

We'll send all communication regarding your application to the email address you provide. Once your college confirms your Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 enrollment, we will notify apprentices who are awarded scholarships and mail checks by March 31, 2024.

QUESTIONS

Email TOTT@ascendiumeducation.org or call us at 866-327-2140.

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1 YOUR INFO

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

WTCS ISSUED EMAIL ADDRESS

2 ABOUT YOU

The following questions are about you. Responses are voluntary and you can select "Prefer not to answer" on any question. Your answers to these questions have no impact on your eligibility or scholarship award.

RACE AND ETHNICITY How do you publicly self-identify?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian/European |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races or ethnicities (Multi-racial/multi-ethnic) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern/North African | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to identify with another race or ethnicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

GENDER IDENTITY How do you publicly self-identify?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Gender nonbinary/Genderqueer/Gender non-conforming
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

AGE How old are you in years as of Sept. 1, 2023? _____ ☐ Prefer not to answer

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APPLICATIONS **DUE** OCTOBER 31, 2023!

3 YOUR COLLEGE AND TRADE

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM SCHOOL Select the college you are currently attending (select one). Only the schools listed are eligible.

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|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackhawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakeshore | <input type="checkbox"/> Moraine Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chippewa Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Madison | <input type="checkbox"/> Nicolet Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest Wisconsin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fox Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-State | <input type="checkbox"/> Northcentral | <input type="checkbox"/> Waukesha County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gateway | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast Wisconsin | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Wisconsin |
- ☐ I am not enrolled in an apprentice program through Wisconsin Technical College System (if selected, you are not eligible for this opportunity).

CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL TRADES

Check the program you are enrolled in for the Fall 2023 semester and plan to enroll in the Spring 2024 semester. Only the trades listed are eligible.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bricklaying/Mason | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Manufacturing Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Mechanic/Millwright | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Wirer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Metrology Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Resilient Floor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Finishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Shipbuilder Welder | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechatronics Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadway Maintenance Technician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drywall Finisher | <input type="checkbox"/> Injection Mold Set-Up (Plastic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Fabricator/Welder | <input type="checkbox"/> Roofer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical & Instrumentation | <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumentation | <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Engineer/Heavy Equipment Operator | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheetmetal—Industrial or Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician | <input type="checkbox"/> Ironworking | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting & Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler Fitting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Service Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Lubrication Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Patternmaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Steamfitting—Construction or Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities Maintenance Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Machine Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe Fabricator | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications VDV Installer Technician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glazier | <input type="checkbox"/> Machinist/Tool & Die/Moldmaker/Toolmaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Pipefitter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC | | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Electrician | | <input type="checkbox"/> Press Set-Up Operator | |

4 YOUR INCOME Determines whether you qualify

HOW MUCH DO YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE EARN EACH WEEK FROM ALL JOBS (COMBINED, BEFORE TAXES AND OTHER DEDUCTIONS)?

Locate on your pay stub the amount you are paid before taxes and other deductions.

If you are paid every two weeks, you divide the pre-tax, pre-deduction amount by two to get your total weekly income. If you are paid monthly, divide the amount by four.

HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

Count yourself, your spouse if you have one, and your children if they live with you. If you live with your parents, do not count them.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MAXIMUM WEEKLY INCOME TO QUALIFY:	\$841	\$1,138	\$1,434	\$1,731	\$2,027	\$2,324	\$2,620	\$2,917	\$3,213

IS YOUR TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO THE MAXIMUM INCOME LISTED BELOW YOUR HOUSEHOLD SIZE?

☐ Yes ☐ No

IF YES, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

Ascendium reserves the right to request documentation supporting the applicant's income eligibility.

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5 YOUR STORY

1. What impact would a scholarship have on helping you finish your apprenticeship program?

2. Share with us an experience or project from your apprenticeship that you took pride in doing.

Your responses to these questions will be used by Ascendium to determine how many students have either applied for or received a Tools of the Trade scholarship in the past. Your answers to these questions have no impact on your eligibility or scholarship award.

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A TOOLS OF THE TRADE SCHOLARSHIP BEFORE THIS TIME?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A TOOLS OF THE TRADE SCHOLARSHIP AT ANY TIME?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

By submitting this application, I certify that I will be enrolled in the program indicated in this Tools of the Trade Scholarship Application during the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters. I also certify that the information provided, including, but not limited to, the income information, is true and correct in all material respects as of the date of my signature.

Finally, I give Ascendium authority to share my name, email address, and phone number with Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) campus staff for the purposes of enrollment verification. I also authorize Ascendium to release my name, college, trade, email address, and phone number to the media, local legislators, and other key industry partners if I am named a Tools of the Trade Scholarship recipient.

**Applications must be submitted online at
AscendiumTOTT.org by October 31, 2023.**