



SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS PROGRAM



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FACTS & RECOGNITION

Facts About TechForce Scholarships

TechForce Foundation administers scholarships and grants program every month, 12 months a year, all year long. We receive more than 12,000 applications each year from financially-disadvantaged students enrolled in hundreds of technician programs at tech schools and community colleges nationwide.

Techforce is scholarship machine!

TechForce handles all aspect of the scholarship program for its donor, from application and review to awards and distribution. Decision are made on a rolling basis.

In 2026, TechForce will award at least \$6M. While this is impressive, we're only able to award 1 in every 6 applicants before running out of funding. We need more donations to close the gap.

Students apply via one general application and the system enters them to all named donor funds for which they qualify. Recipients are notified when selected. Funds are encumbered on the books and released to school when each student starts to credit their account. If tuition is satisfied, award may be used for cost of attendance, such as housing, books and tools. The minimum tuition award is \$2,500.

Donors can serve on review teams, if desired. Most donors have TechForce handle soup to nuts, but some choose to be involved.

Named Scholarship Fund Donor Recognition

Receive a charitable tax acknowledgment receipt.

Quarterly scholarship distribution report.

Recognition on website and annual report, and a donor profile posted in the scholarship system.

TechForce account manager to help you maximize PR and storytelling, meet awardees, and share the importance of your investment and social impact.

Ability to activate in the TechForce network, if desired.

OUR MISSION

TechForce Foundation is a national not-for-profit 501(c)(3) with the mission to champion all students to and through their technical education and into careers as professional technicians.

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“I just like the thought of fixing something and putting it back together, making it work again. It gives me this, like, really good feeling of accomplishment.”

Aliyah



Listen to their story



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Donors trusting TechForce Foundation to administer their named scholarship funds:

AutoZone
BASF
CarMax
Carrier
Christian Brothers Automotive
Daimler Truck North America
David W. Ellis
Driven to Care/ Footprints Foundation
Enterprise Mobility Foundation
Ford Philanthropy
Ford Motor Company
John & Bernadette Heenan
Hertz
NAPA
NASCAR/Brienne Davis Memorial Fund
Penske Foundation Inc.
Snap-on Industrial
Sunstate Equipment Foundation
Universal Technical Institute
Vesely Family Foundation
Waymo

...and additional generous donors

"When we decided to offer Ford Auto Tech scholarships, we thought 'who better than TechForce' to administer it. It's been a great partnership."

Alex Shelton, Ford Philanthropy

DONOR NAMED AWARD

How to Set Up a Named Scholarship Fund

- To establish a "Named Fund," a minimum donation of \$12,500 or more annually is required. (Note: Smaller donations are graciously accepted and applied to the general scholarship fund.) Funds may be replenished at any time to help more financially-disadvantaged students.
- 20% of the contribution shall remain unrestricted to support TechForce Foundation's mission (\$1M+ reduces to 15%).
- Select the type of scholarship or grant to offer:
 - Tuition scholarships
 - Relocation cash grants
 - Life Happens emergency grants
 - Advanced training tuition
 - Instructor/school grants (cash or in-kind)
- Elect any restrictions important to you, such as:
 - Specific school(s), region, state, geography
 - Type of program, such as auto, diesel, collision, aviation, welding, etc. -or- allow all students
 - Focused audience, such as Veterans, women, new, current or about to graduate students.
- Sign a pledge letter that articulates the selections you've made above. Pay the contribution to TechForce and the scholarship can open within 24 hours of receiving the funds.

The Students You Support

Awarded student are informed who their donor is, and given an opportunity to meet, if mutually agreed upon. Awardees write thank you notes which are sent to donor for internal communications purposes.

Donor receives quarterly scholarship distribution reports listing each awardee, school, amount awarded and, if available, a selected student photo and story (which can be used for internal and external communications).

100% of students awarded have demonstrated financial-need via FAFSA or other process. Students must be enrolled in a post-secondary school to be considered. They can apply starting 4-months prior to start and up to graduation.

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