2027 Trade or Technical School Scholarship Application

Please use blue or black ink to complete the application. Or, type out your responses digitally.

Basic information:

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP code)

Email address: _____ Phone #: (_____) _____

Names of parent(s) or guardian(s): _____

Parent's email address: _____

Arsenal Credit Union account number: _____ Member Since: _____

(Your account must have been open for at least six months – since August 16, 2026, and you must be listed as the primary account holder.)

Are you related to any current Arsenal employee, board or committee member? __ *Yes* __ *No*

If yes (*you can still enter*), to whom are you related and how? _____

Product and service relationships you currently have with Arsenal Credit Union (check all that apply):

O Savings account O Checking account O Credit card O ATM card/Debit card
O CD O Online banking O Mobile banking O Mobile check deposit O Zelle O Direct Deposit

You must be a high school senior graduating in spring 2027. Name of your school and where it's located:

School you plan to attend next year and where it's located:

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Tell us about yourself.

Please use another sheet of paper and type out your answers to the following questions. Number your answers accordingly. Have your principal or counselor review, sign and date each sheet to verify the information.

Note: Answers that aren't typed won't be accepted.

1. What trade, technical, or apprenticeship program do you plan to attend? How will this training help you achieve your career goals?

2. Describe an individual working in your chosen trade or technical field whom you admire. Explain why they inspire you and how their example has shaped your educational or career aspirations. If you do not have someone, why are you inspired to go into this chosen career?

3. Why should you be selected for this scholarship? How do you plan to use your skills and education to give back to your community?

4. What skills, qualities, or experiences do you possess that will help you succeed in your chosen trade or technical field?

5. Have you participated in any related coursework, internships, apprenticeships, job shadowing, certifications, volunteer opportunities, or work experience related to your chosen trade? Please describe and be thorough (i.e. specifics, dates, total hours, etc.).

6. List any leadership roles you have held through school, work, church, volunteer organizations, clubs, athletics, or other activities. Include the length of time you served, your responsibilities, and the impact of your contributions.

7. Describe a project, accomplishment, or hands-on experience that reinforced your decision to pursue a career in your chosen trade.

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Essay

Skilled trades are essential to the success of our communities and economy. Discuss why you chose your intended trade or technical field and what inspires you to pursue this career path. Explain how your education and training will help you achieve your goals, and how you plan to use your skills to serve others and contribute to your community.

Directions:

- Please type your response and use double-spacing. There is no length requirement. Use as much space as needed to answer the question.

For scholarship consideration, please send all materials required by Tuesday, February 16, 2027, to the attention of Jennifer Remes at:

Arsenal Credit Union
3780 Vogel Road
Arnold, MO 63010

All essays and written responses submitted as part of this scholarship application must be the applicant's original work. The use of artificial intelligence tools, including but not limited to ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Copilot, Grammarly AI, or similar technologies, to generate, draft, rewrite, or substantially assist with essay responses is prohibited. By submitting this application, you certify that all essays and written responses are your own original work and accurately reflect your personal thoughts, experiences, and writing abilities.

Arsenal Credit Union reserves the right to review submissions using AI-detection tools and other evaluation methods. Any application determined to have used artificial intelligence in the creation of essays or written responses may be disqualified from scholarship consideration at the sole discretion of Arsenal Credit Union.

By entering this competition and signing your name below, you certify everything you have stated on this application and any and all attachments you have included is true of you, and you give Arsenal Credit Union permission to: a) release your full name and a photo to the media should you be chosen as a recipient of this scholarship; and b) use your essay and other materials from this application in part or whole for marketing purposes.

_____ _____

Applicant Signature *Date*

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Reference Form

Please provide one letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, mentor, or industry professional who can speak to your strengths, character, and potential for success in your chosen trade or technical field.

Please don't use a family member, relative, friend or neighbor.

Your name: _____ Your daytime phone: _____

Your email address: _____

Scholarship applicant's name: _____

Your relationship to applicant: _____

Please write and attach a brief, typed letter of reference for the above-named applicant and give it to the student, or if confidentiality is preferred, please return to:

Arsenal Credit Union, Attn.: Jennifer Remes
3780 Vogel Road
Arnold, MO 63010

Deadline: Reference form must be received by the credit union no later than Tuesday, February 16, 2027.

Note: Arsenal Credit Union may quote a passage from your letter if the student wins a scholarship. During our awards presentation, we like to mention what others say about the student.

Student's Name: _____