



Career Pathways Scholarship Award

One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to one winner to be used towards education expenses. Members must meet the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant must be a member of the Amherst Federal Credit Union
- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior
- **The applicant must plan to attend an accredited or recognized post-secondary vocational, technical, trade, certificate, apprenticeship, or career-training program.**
- The applicant must be an active volunteer and/or active in their community

Application Requirements

- Completed and signed application form
- **Essay of at least 250 words: Describe what inspired you to pursue a career in the skilled trades or vocational field, and how you hope your future career will allow you to make a difference in your community?**
- Letter of reference from a current teacher or guidance counselor commenting on your character and abilities
- A copy of your high school transcript
- A resume detailing honors/awards received, leadership roles and work experience

Application Procedure

- The application requirements must be completed in full and postmarked by April 1, 2027 in order to be considered.
- Mail or Bring to: Amherst Federal Credit Union, 6470 Main Street Suite 5, Amherst NY 14221

Selection Process

- Applicants will be reviewed by the Amherst FCU Board of Directors
- Scholarship winners will be notified by June 1, 2027.

Contact

- Email: swalczyk@amherstcu.org
- Phone: 716-634-3881



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Eligible vocations/programs:

For purposes of this scholarship, eligible programs may include trade schools, vocational schools, career and technical education programs, certificate programs, apprenticeships, and other post-secondary training programs designed to prepare students for a specific skilled trade, technical occupation, or career.

Applicants must be enrolled in or planning to attend an accredited or recognized post-secondary vocational, technical, trade, certificate, apprenticeship, or career-training program.

Eligible vocational fields may include, but are not limited to, construction, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, welding, automotive technology, manufacturing, cosmetology, culinary arts, healthcare, information technology, public safety, agriculture, and other skilled or technical career fields.

Eligible programs may include, but are not limited to:

- Trade and vocational schools
- Career and technical education (CTE) programs
- BOCES programs
- Community college certificate or technical programs
- Workforce development programs
- Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships
- Industry-specific certification programs
- Healthcare and allied-health training programs
- Technical and technology training programs
- Cosmetology, barbering and personal-service schools
- CDL and transportation training programs
- Other post-secondary programs designed to prepare students for a specific skilled trade, technical occupation or career



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Applicant Information

Name _____ Account Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

High School

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Vocation Information

School/Training Program: _____

Program/Course of Study: _____

Enrollment/Start Date: _____

I hereby declare that the information contained in this application to be accurate and true.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____