



Alice and Elmer Black Vocational Training Scholarship

2021 Fact Sheet

This scholarship assists students who enroll in and complete a training program, with the desire to learn a useful skill set that will launch them into the workforce and provide a viable income and secure future. Created by Alice and Elmer Black and supported and later managed by an Avondale United Methodist Church committee, the scholarship funds are now part of the North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation and available to district students who plan to pursue vocational training beyond high school.

Eligible areas of vocational training include the construction trades (plumbing, electrical, carpentry and HVAC technician), as well as the culinary arts, cosmetology, automotive technology, agriculture, landscaping, nursing and other certifications. Training must be predominantly hands-on and not exclusively online.

Deadline: Friday, April 9, 2021

Number of Recipients: Two Annually

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000

Eligibility:

- You must be a 2021 graduating senior from one of the district's four high schools: North Kansas City, Oak Park, Staley or Winnetonka.
- You must plan to enroll in a program that leads to "certification" in one of the trades listed in the above description.
- You must have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher during your high school career.

Supporting Documents:

Official Grade Transcript: Please include an official transcript from your high school that shows a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Official Attendance Record: Please include a record of attendance indicating the percentage of days you attended school. If this falls below 90 percent, explain in writing the extenuating circumstances for your absences.

Two Letters of Reference: Letters from teachers, employers or others (no relatives) should provide information the selection committee may use to better understand your character.

- Essay:** Write an essay explaining the career you plan to pursue and why you are applying for this scholarship. On a separate page, include any special circumstances you wish the scholarship committee to consider.
- Selection Process:** Representatives will review the applications and select the winner(s) and a first alternate.
- Payment:** The scholarship will be paid directly to the program you plan to attend (a two-year college, trade school, union apprenticeship, etc.). Funds may be used for classes, tuition, books and student fees. You must complete a minimum of one class/semester. If you withdraw before then, the scholarship funds must be returned to the Education Foundation and the first alternate will receive the funds.

Please submit your application form, essay and all supporting materials in one envelope and deliver or mail to:

**Jan Lewis, Director
North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation
2000 N.E. 46th Street
Kansas City, MO 64116
816-321-5550**

Or you may email all required documents to jan.lewis@nkcschools.org. Applications must be postmarked or delivered and received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021.

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2021 Application Form

Applicant's Name: _____

High School Attended: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Personal E-Mail: _____

Post-Secondary School: _____

Course of Study or Trade: _____

1st Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Place of Employment: _____ Title: _____

2nd Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Place of Employment: _____ Title: _____

Who is financing your education? _____

List other sources of financial aid and any financial circumstances you wish the committee to consider when evaluating your application.

ESSAY: Please attach a separate page for your essay. Explain the career you plan to pursue and why you are applying for this scholarship. On a separate sheet, include any special circumstances you wish the scholarship committee to consider as members evaluate your application.

List your high school activities.

List any special honors or recognitions you have received.

Describe your interests and activities outside of school, including hobbies, church activities and/or community interests.

*NOTE: You may attach extra sheets to provide the information requested.
Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Please include all materials.*

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

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