



Alice and Elmer Black Vocational Training Scholarship

2023 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), the culinary arts, cosmetology, automotive technology, agriculture, landscaping, nursing, and other certifications. Training must be predominantly hands-on and not exclusively online.

Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2023
Number of Recipients: Two Annually
Scholarship Amount: \$1,000
Microsoft Forms Application Link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/f3NEU0Ucew>
(Students must use their district account to access Microsoft Forms)

Eligibility:

- You must be a 2023 graduating senior from one of NKC Schools' four district high schools
- You must plan to enroll in a program that leads to "certification" in one of the trades listed above.
- You must have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher during your high school career.

Application Requirements:

- Complete the **Common Scholarship Application:** <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/Sn1zJj2AdX>
- Complete the **Alice & Elmer Black Vocational Training Scholarship Application:** <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/f3NEU0Ucew>
 - **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. Separately, 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.

Questions? Contact:

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