

ESSAY IDEAS

WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR

- I would like to be considered for the Trades and Industry Scholarship. This scholarship will enable me to pursue a career in the construction industry, with my long term goal of taking over the family construction business.
- I believe that I have the qualities that will help me be successful as an automotive technician, and a scholarship will help make it possible to continue my training in the automotive program at _____ College.

HIGH SCHOOL YOU ATTEND, AND CAREER-TECHNICAL CLASS

- Senior at _____ High School, and a second year student in the ISD _____ program. This past year I have been a highly motivated contributor in the _____ program, maintaining a “B” average. This spring I will be traveling to Lansing to compete at the State level and represent our program in the SkillUSA _____ competition. Include certifications. I was recently recognized as one of the ISD’s most Outstanding Students of the Quarter for the fall semester of 20__.
- What you’re learning in class (include personal responsibility, class leadership, and helping others in class, vocational cub competition participation and awards won, as well as skills learned in class). I enjoy helping first and second year students learn _____ skills in the shop, and helping special needs students with reading the auto textbook and shop math.
- I have been interested in building things all my life, and have watched my dad build things. During the past seven or eight years I worked with my dad learning many of the construction skills. This has kept my dad and I close over the years, and enabled me to learn a lot not only about construction, but also about managing a business, and developing a good work ethic. During the two years I have been in the building trades program I have become more focused on a career path. I’ve gained valuable experience in technical skills and leadership ability. Working as part of a building trades team, I now realize the importance of being dependable and taking responsibility for assigned tasks.
- How has this class, or this class year changed you? This class has prepared me for both my career and personal life, etc.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK

- I am proud to say that I . . .
- Experiences and background which demonstrate your dedication to hunting and the “preservation of our hunting heritage.”
- Sports organizations, clubs and arts (include something like “Through participation in sports, I learned responsibility, good sportsmanship, and teamwork.”, help as assistant coach or tutor, etc.). I have been wrestling for 10 years with numerous awards earned over that time, including. . .
- How has this class, or this class year changed you? This class has prepared me for my career and personal life, etc.
- Leadership positions (captain of the football team, leadership awards). The experience I enjoyed most in high school was being able to help coach youth wrestling. I feel there is no greater experience than being able to help children learn a new activity, and it feels great to know that there are people looking up to you.
- Awards.
- GPA, class grade, honor roll, National Honor Society, and attendance.
- I realize that by getting involved in activities, that is the best way to find your strengths and learn new things.
- It has been an honor to be voted Student of the Year by my instructors and peers. I have been fortunate to have earned this award two years. . .

WORK, COMMUNITY SERVICE OR INVOLVEMENT, AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (INCLUDE AWARDS)

- Work – both paid and unpaid (such as farm jobs, job maintaining your property, work placement, etc.). Currently my job title is “shop helper,” and my tasks include sanding, filing, cutting with a band saw, sweeping, operating power tools, and grinding. I believe my work experience at _____ helped build a good work ethic of personal responsibility, reliability and hard work. In the past few years, I have gained valuable employment skills while working for _____. The ISD Building Trades program helped prepare me for these jobs by giving me leadership opportunities as a group leader, and showing me the importance of being responsible. In addition, I was able to gain skills such as _____, interpersonal communication, _____ and _____ in the construction trades program which were valuable when working for _____. Working at Metallinus has shown me how real world manufacturing businesses operates, and how the skills I am learning in the ISD manufacturing program are preparing me for employment as a machinist.
- Church activities.
- Habitat for Humanity.
- Blood donor.
- Volunteer (Salvation Army, scouting, coaching, caring for elderly, fire department, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Key Club activities if not mentioned above).

FUN ACTIVITIES

- Scouting.
- After School I enjoy. . .

FUTURE PLANS AND THANK YOU

- Future education plans “My plans include furthering my education at _____ College in the two year _____ program, working towards my _____ degree as a _____ technician.”
- Future career plans “After completing the training, I would like to start my career working at _____.
- I have always wanted to be _____ and work on _____ for a living. Scholarship assistance will help me achieve my goals-or-open doors for me in the _____ training program. Why will you be a good investment if you are awarded this scholarship? This Scholarship will help me purchase _____ needed for college and to start my career.
- Thank you for considering my scholarship application.