

The Gibbons Family Trade or Vocational School student scholarship

Not every student that advances into higher education after high school is interested in a four-year degree. If you are someone who is interested in learning technical, hands-on skills, a trade school or vocational school might be your best option. Trades/vocational schools teach manual, mechanical or technical skills for professions such as welders, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc. This scholarship is designed to promote and reward the trades,

The Gibbons family is awarding 2 scholarships of \$1000 each (one per applicant) to current high school seniors who are planning to pursue full-time studies at a two-year trade/vocational school. To apply, students must be a high school seniors who plans to pursue a degree/certificate in the trades field including but not limited to construction, mechanics, plumbing, electrical or technology.

The committee for awarding this scholarship will require the following:

To be awarded a scholarship the Gibbons Family requires that you submit a 500-word essay on one of the following topics:

- 1- **Influencers:** Who has influenced you to pursue a career in the trades and why is this influencer important to you? What important lessons has this person taught you? How has their influence helped you decide to use your skills as a tradesperson and how do you think this will carry through your career.
- 2- **Economic impact:** Why are the trades important? What impact do they have on today's global economy? What negative impacts, if any, could trades have on our economy.

Additionally, please answer the following questions to be handed in with your essay:

- 1- When do you plan on entering the trade/vocational school?
- 2- Have you applied to any of these schools yet?
 - a. If yes, which trade are you pursuing and what is the name of the school you applied to?
- 3- Are you interested in a union job?
- 4- Do you currently have family member in the trades?
 - a. If yes, which trades?

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Please attach this sheet to your essay.

Applicant name: _____

Last

First

Address: _____

Street

City

Contact information: (cell or home) _____

Student Signature

Parent signature