

2023-2024 ATF Scholarship

What is the ATF Scholarship?

The Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation (ATF) offers select students a scholarship to post secondary automotive education programs like the WANADA's Automobile Dealer Education Institute (ADEI) apprenticeship program. It is required that the recipient of this scholarship will utilize this opportunity to further their education in the **automotive field**.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any graduating MCPS ATF senior, with a weighted 2.5 GPA, is eligible. The student must intend to further his or her education by enrolling in post-secondary education and/or participate in the WANADA ADEI apprenticeship program. The student must begin the program within a year of their high school graduation and continue full time in the program.

What is needed to apply?

- A. The application form
- B. Student Essay (see details)
- C. High school transcript
- D. Two letters of recommendations (one from **each** of the following categories):
 - ◇ Your Automotive Trades Foundation teacher
 - ◇ A teacher, counselor, or administrator from your "home" school OR a community member (job, religious organization, volunteer work, etc.)

Letters of recommendation must come from an adult (21 years of age or older) who is not related to the applicant. Letters must be emailed directly to:

Mrs. Kelly Johnson
Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org

When is the application deadline?

Friday, March 8, 2024

Terms and Conditions

All information provided is considered confidential and will be used only by the review committee to select a recipient. The recipient of the scholarship will be selected from qualifying and complete applications received by the scholarship review committee. **The scholarship will be awarded at the ATF Career Day in May 2024. The ATF will pay the scholarship funds directly to the post-secondary institution and/or the WANADA ADEI apprenticeship program.** The recipient of the scholarship is responsible for providing an official copy of his/her class schedule (prior to the beginning of each semester) and the college transcript (at the end of each semester) to the Foundations Office for review. Students must remain academically eligible AND CONTINUE WITH THEIR AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM. Payment for subsequent tuition will not occur until it is determined that the recipient is still academically eligible (2.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale) and is still enrolled in their selected automotive program. Failure to comply with these rules may lead to withdrawal of this scholarship. False or misleading information shall be cause for disqualification and/or withdrawal of the award, at the sole discretion of the review committee.

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

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The *deadline* to submit this scholarship application is **Friday, March 8, 2024**. Please return the completed application packet to Mrs. Kelly Johnson at Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org

Please print or type all requested information.

Student Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Student email address: _____

Home Phone No. _____ Student Cell Phone No. _____

Student Social Security No. _____ MCPS Student ID _____

Student Citizen Status: U.S. Yes No If no, Visa type: _____

Please attach high school transcript.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) to date _____

Number of days absent from school this year _____

If more than 10 days, please explain _____

In which automotive program are you enrolled?

Damascus Auto Tech _____ Gaithersburg Auto Tech _____ Gaithersburg Auto Body _____
Edison Auto Tech _____ Edison Auto Body _____ Seneca Valley Auto Tech _____
Shady Grove Internship _____

How many years have you been enrolled in this program (including this year)? _____

List any Automotive Trades Foundations activities and/or automotive job related activities that you have participated in outside the school day (example: car sales):

1. Activity- _____

Date: _____

Please describe what you gained from the experience:

2. Activity- _____

Date: _____

Please describe what you gained from the experience:

The following are also requested in order to apply for the ATF Scholarship:

____ I have applied for another automotive scholarship:

Name of scholarship: _____

Date applied: _____

month/day/year

STUDENT ESSAY– Must be typed

What is your automotive career goal? Be specific and address:

- ◇ How do you plan to attain this goal?
- ◇ How will receiving this scholarship award impact your career goal?

This essay should be no more than two typed, double-spaced pages. Be sure to submit this with your application.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

ATF TEACHER

Applicant's Name: _____

MCPS Student ID Number: _____

Address: _____

To the Recommender: The above named student has submitted an application to receive the ATF Scholarship, which provides award (s) for outstanding graduating senior (s) of the Automotive Trades Foundation Program to further his/her education in the automotive field.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. Please feel free to respond on a separate sheet of paper if necessary. We depend on your evaluation to help us distinguish among many qualified applicants. All information in this report or attached to it is confidential. After the selection process we will destroy all subjective evaluations of students.

The deadline to receive this Letter of Recommendation is **Friday, March 8, 2024**

Please return Letter of Recommendation directly to:

Mrs. Kelly Johnson (Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org)

Teacher's Name _____

School _____

Teacher Only:

Number of days absent from your class/work site this year: _____ days

_____ # of unexcused days

Number of days tardy: _____ days

_____ # of unexcused days

If special circumstances for absence(s) exist, please comment.

2. Please describe the qualities this applicant possesses that make you feel he/she will be successful in post-secondary education.

3. Describe why you think that this applicant should receive the ATF Scholarship to further his or her education in the automotive field.

Signature _____ Date _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

HOME SCHOOL/EMPLOYER

Applicant's Name: _____

MCPS Student ID Number: _____

Address: _____

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Name _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

Teacher/Employer/Other:

Number of days absent from class/work site/other this year: _____ days

_____ # of unexcused days

Number of days tardy: _____ days

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Signature _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____