

Blue-Collar Scholars 2024 Scholarship Application

Instructions:

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is March 31, 2024. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., evidence of GPA.) INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
4. Complete applications must be mailed to the address stated below.
5. The recipients will be notified via certified letter no later than April 30, 2024, and awards announced at the Poke Sallet Festival on Saturday, May 11, 2024.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please email casey.jackson@pokesallet.org or visit www.pokesallet.org.

Purpose: The Blue-Collar Scholars Scholarship Program was established in 2023. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals enrolled for undergraduate study in trade or vocational schools. The Blue-Collar Scholars Scholarship Program principally targets certificate/licensing programs, however two-year degree programs are also eligible.

Scholarship Awards: The Poke Sallet Foundation awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, and Personal Accomplishments Within Your Chosen Field of Study. The Poke Sallet Foundation pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient's school. Scholarships are awarded annually. Blue-Collar Scholars Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

Award Components: Scholarship awards will range from \$500 to \$1,000 as determined by the Blue-Collar Scholars Selection Committee.

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Jackson County, Tennessee. Proof of residency is required at the time of application: most recent utility bill
- Must be equivalent to a senior in high school
- Must have applied to an undergraduate program at an accredited community college or trade school
- Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher
- Must have completed a minimum of 8 hours of community service
- Must have shown aptitude in your chosen field of study

Timeline:

- Completed applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2024
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by April 30, 2024
- Scholarship Applicants Must Provide:
 - Completed application form
 - Official high school transcript or record alternative in a sealed envelope
 - A letter of reference from a guidance counselor or teacher
 - A letter of reference from an employer or other community member
 - Evidence of your aptitude or experience in your chosen field of study (i.e. pictures and a description of a project you completed, a letter of recommendation from your direct supervisor describing your aptitude, etc.).

Scholarship Awards:

- Deadline for the application is March 31, 2024. Applications postmarked after this date will not be accepted.
- Award notification will be given by April 30, 2024.
- Awards presentation will be held May 11, 2024 at the Poke Sallet Festival.
- Scholarship recipients must provide their student ID number, signed Scholarship Agreement, and the mailing address for the Financial Aid Office of the educational institution they will be attending no later than May 31, 2024. If the recipient does not provide these items before the deadline, the scholarship will be awarded to another applicant.

Please complete the following information in its entirety:

Applicant Information:

Your Full Name: _____

High School You Attend: _____

Graduating Class of: _____ Current GPA: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Chosen Trade or Vocational School:

Name: _____

Certification/Major: _____

Application # _____
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Extracurricular Activities:

Please List any Clubs, Organizations, Sports Teams, and Other Extracurricular Activities:

Community Service:

Please list the organizations where you volunteered, the number of hours completed, and supervisor's name:

How I will use the Scholarship: _____

I attest that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I have been formally accepted as a student to the trade or vocational school noted above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Also Included in this Application:

- Official high school transcript or record alternative in a sealed envelope
- A letter of reference from a guidance counselor or teacher
- A letter of reference from an employer or other community member
- Evidence of your aptitude or experience in your chosen field of study (i.e. pictures and a description of a project you completed, a letter of recommendation from your direct supervisor describing your aptitude, etc.)

Please mail this application and accompanying documents to:

**Poke Sallet Foundation
Attn: Blue-Collar Scholars
P.O. Box 466
Gainesboro, TN 38562**