

2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT



SCHOLARSHIPS

This report highlights the annual scholarships, the donors and quotes from SkillsUSA scholarship recipients who applied their awards to the 2023-2024 academic year. This report does not include all prizes and scholarships awarded by SkillsUSA and SkillsUSA donors, such as those awarded to medalists at the National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC).

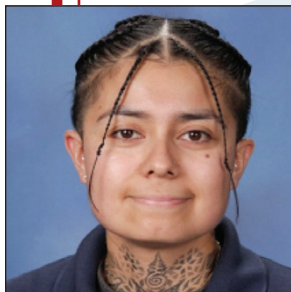
With the generous support of industry partners and families invested in the future of skilled workers, approximately \$438,564.95 in SkillsUSA scholarships were made available to SkillsUSA members in the 2023-2024 academic year. In this banner scholarship year, 223 students accepted scholarships to attend postsecondary training or SkillsUSA conferences.

SKILLSUSA–AEROTEK MAKE YOUR MARK SCHOLARSHIP

In 2024, thanks to a generous donation from Aerotek, SkillsUSA members in select pathways planning to enroll or currently enrolled in a community college, technical college, certification program or apprenticeship were eligible to apply for the new SkillsUSA Aerotek “Make Your Mark” Scholarship. In Spring 2023, 121 students applied for the scholarship and 63 students received an award of up to \$5,000 to continue their postsecondary training in their chosen field of study. Here are thank-you messages from some of our 2023–2024 SkillsUSA Aerotek “Make Your Mark” scholarship winners. [See the full list of winners.](#)



MESSAGES FROM 2023–2024 RECIPIENTS



Iliana Abarca

Los Angeles Trade Technical College, California

“I really appreciate the scholarship, thank you! Because of this beautiful opportunity, I will be able to move forward with my career. This scholarship will help me buy the books and tools that I need in order to progress and move forward in my plumbing program. This is the first time I have ever received a scholarship, and it encourages me to be better, do better and become better. It makes me happy to know that my hard work has paid off. Thank you for choosing me!”

Daniela Arteaga

Dallas College, Texas

“This scholarship will help me to fulfill my goals in learning more about the construction industry. Thanks so much for this opportunity.”



James Banks

Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Jackson, Tennessee

“Thank you for looking out for an important population of this country. This scholarship will allow me to take care of my schooling and look forward to my career. It is such a blessing to not have to worry about paying off student debt for many years to come. I also thank you for giving me the scholarship for the 2024 spring semester because I won’t have to worry about other bills and can save money for my life and career.”

SKILLSUSA-AEROTEK MAKE YOUR MARK SCHOLARSHIP

MESSAGES FROM 2023-2024 RECIPIENTS

David Barrios-Diaz

Miramar College—San Diego, California

“Thank you for this scholarship.”

Jezeriah Bicknell

North Idaho College, Idaho

“I want to thank Aerotek for this opportunity. I will be able to put this money towards my future and buy tools and other items I will need in this field. I want to become a good technician, so this will definitely give me a good step forward.”

Cameo Bruce

Texas State Technical College, Texas

“I greatly appreciate this opportunity given to me. I plan to use the scholarship to help alleviate the burden of the cost of school as I support myself and our household needs in these trying times.”

Isabella Crawford

Texas State Technical College, Texas

“Thanks to your support, I will be able to continue my education without worrying about the financial burden. This scholarship brings me a lot of relief, and I cannot express how much it means. Your contribution will not only help me attain my career goals, but it will also allow me to concentrate on my studies and achieve academic excellence. I truly appreciate your commitment to education and your willingness to invest in my future. I am determined to make the most of this opportunity and work hard to reach my goals. Once again, thank you for your generosity and support.”

Bryan Cortes

Savannah Technical College, Georgia

“I am very grateful for being awarded this scholarship. It means a lot to me and will help tremendously in contributing to my future endeavors. Thank you for your support and for a platform that values and encourages skill development. I am grateful to have been granted your aid in my career development with my HVAC Career. Having to pay for my tuition out of pocket, working part-time in the HVAC industry while attending college classes has been a struggle for me. This financial aid will help me focus on my studies at Savannah Technical College without the stress of having to pay off my tuition. I am deeply grateful for the scholarship and know it will change my life.”



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MESSAGES FROM 2023-2024 RECIPIENTS



Colson Deevers

Ranken Technical College, Missouri

“For two years, I worked at flipping houses, then I worked with a construction company team installing siding. Construction and carpentry is what I want to do. I believe in leading by helping others and that we all have a responsibility to participate in and give back to our communities. This is why I’ve been involved in community service for over eight years. College is teaching me how to sharpen my skills and learn the best practices for the trade so I can do my job with excellence and integrity. I’m confident that college will help in all areas of my career and personal life. Your financial aid takes some of the stress off as to how I will pay for school without having more debt to pay off after I graduate. You are also making it easier for me to focus on studying. Thanks for believing in my potential, generously contributing to my education and helping me achieve my goals.”

Canyon Echerd

Catawba Valley Community College, North Carolina

“Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to college for something I’m passionate about. I look forward to finishing my degree and being able to go into the workforce as a maintenance employee advancing into the licensed electrician field, creating more jobs in the future for my small county.”

Antonio Elias

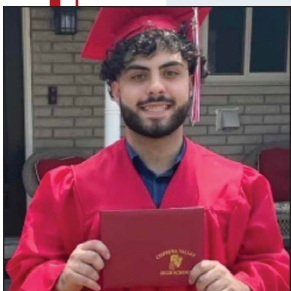
Macomb Community College, Michigan

“I’m grateful for the scholarship. Your support is invaluable as I transition from a mechanic to an electrical engineer. This opportunity allows me to focus on my studies without financial worries, helping me achieve my goal of becoming the next big inventor. Thank you for believing in my potential and making a significant impact on my journey.”

Christopher Greenwade

St. Louis Community College, Missouri

“I would like to thank Aerotek for awarding me this scholarship. It will help me attain my goals as currently I am paying out of pocket to cover tuition and struggling to get the tools I need to efficiently complete tasks and projects needed to learn my craft. This scholarship will allow me to purchase tools and gear so I can be the best version of myself as a technician.”



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MESSAGES FROM 2023-2024 RECIPIENTS

Claudis (Sean) Kirby

St. Louis Community College, Missouri

“Thank you so much. I’m going to use the money to buy the correct scan tool and other tools I need.”

Chris Lahti

North Idaho College, Idaho

“I would like to thank you for this scholarship. It means the world to me and my family. I am currently enrolled to become a HVAC tech. It’s a new career for me after so many years on a different path. This scholarship will help me get through my certification program and start my new career.”

Dominic (Daniel) Lange

Moraine Park Technical College, Wisconsin

“This scholarship will help me achieve my goals of being a toolmaker by continuing my education.”

Hannia Lopez

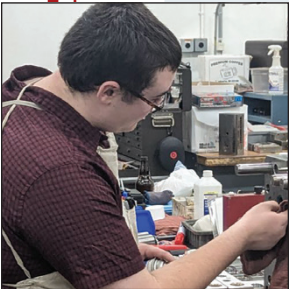
Gadsden State Community College, Alabama

“Thank you so much for the scholarship. I appreciate it. This will help me in my studies tremendously. Thank you again.”

Alexis Martinez

St. Louis Community College, Missouri

“I’d like to thank Aerotek for giving me this help. This award will help me start off strong in my mechanic career. I’ll be able to purchase tools and won’t stress as much about trying to earn money to buy them. I am really excited to start off the 2024 spring semester. Once again, thank you so much for this amazing opportunity.”



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MESSAGES FROM 2023-2024 RECIPIENTS



Charles McDaniel

Miramar College-San Diego, California

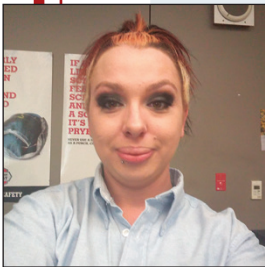
“I would like to express my sincere gratitude for being selected for the Make Your Mark Scholarship. This generous support from Aerotek and SkillsUSA will ease my financial burden and allow me to focus on my studies. The scholarship is a crucial step in helping me achieve my career goals in the Diesel Technology industry. With this support, I can dedicate myself to academic excellence and pursue additional learning opportunities. I am truly honored and motivated by your belief in my potential. Thank you for opening doors of opportunity and playing a key role in my educational and professional journey.”



Desiree Quintero

Waubensee Community College, Illinois

“I would like to thank Aerotek for this opportunity. With this scholarship, my Spring 2024 semester will go more smoothly. This scholarship will allow me to acquire the tools I need without going into debt. These tools will be with me throughout my career and help me accomplish many jobs out in the field. Thank you again. If I could, I would shake everyone’s hand right now.”



Anna Rigby

Miramar College-San Diego, California

“I would like to thank Aerotek for this award. This scholarship opportunity will help me as a student at Miramar Community College in the diesel technology field. By awarding this scholarship, I will be able to continue to attend classes and get both my associates degrees for on-highway Diesel Technology and Heavy Equipment Diesel Technology. Without Aerotek’s scholarship, continuing my education was in jeopardy. Thank you so much for this opportunity.”

Jovanni Rubio Contreras

Texas State Technical College, Texas

“I would like to thank everyone involved in the Aerotek scholarship. Because of this scholarship, many students will be able to follow their dream of studying in their desired program, including myself. I will now be able to study Plumbing and Pipefitting Technology, which will allow me to help the people of Texas by allowing them to receive clean, potable water in their homes. So again, I would like to say thank you to Aerotek for this scholarship!”

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MESSAGES FROM 2023–2024 RECIPIENTS



Fryda Salinas

Dallas College, Texas

“I would like to express my sincere gratitude for enabling me to continue with my education. I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of the scholarship. Thank you for the opportunity!”

Christopher Sanchez

Texas State Technical College, Texas

“I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the scholarship opportunity that you have awarded me. I am honored to have been selected and I cannot thank you enough for your generous support. This scholarship will assist me in achieving my career goals. Pursuing higher education has always been a dream of mine, but financial constraints posed a challenge. With this scholarship, I will be able to pursue a degree in Precision Machining and gain the necessary knowledge and skills to excel in my chosen profession.”

Brayden Shook

Catawba Valley Community College, North Carolina

“Thank you for granting me the Aerotek Make Your Mark scholarship. This award will allow me to finish my academic endeavors at CVCC and become a valuable member of the community. I will strive to make my mark in industry using the skills I have obtained. Once again, thank you for your generosity and financial commitment to helping those in the skilled trades.”

James Tyus

Ranken College, Missouri

“I would like to say thank you to Aerotek for providing this scholarship opportunity which alleviates the burden of repaying student loans. I am very excited about my future and know you will be proud of my success. I will be graduating this May and will enroll in an apprenticeship for my plumbing certification. I then intend to own my own company once I am a journeyman.”

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MESSAGES FROM 2023-2024 RECIPIENTS



Destiny Valadez

Collin College, Texas

“Thank you, Aerotek! This scholarship will allow me to balance school and work without financial stress due to the cost of my schooling. It has given me relief from the pressure of heavy payments. This scholarship allows me to go further in my future career with fewer setbacks due to money.”



James Vaughan

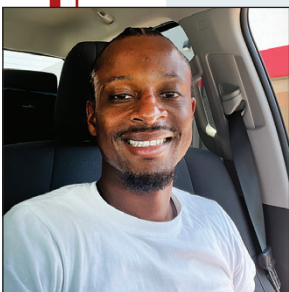
Collin College, Texas

“I would like to thank Aerotek for supporting me to pursue my ambition of working in the Collision Technology industry. This past year of study has shown me the importance of education and ensuring the valuable crafts and skills are continued from the past and into the future. Your support of trade education is greatly appreciated.”

Cooper Watkins

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Knoxville, Tennessee

“This scholarship will help me start getting equipped in my trade and will help pay for spring tuition. Thank you.”



Eric Williams

Dallas College, Texas

“This scholarship will help me achieve my goals by allowing me to continue my education without costing me any money out of pocket. Being a single parent and business owner can be expensive, and your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!”

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MESSAGES FROM 2023-2024 RECIPIENTS

Brodie Woods

Jefferson State Community College, Alabama

“I would like to thank Aerotek for sponsoring this scholarship. I was not a straight-A student in high school, so receiving a scholarship is new to me. This scholarship will allow me to complete the spring semester at Jefferson State and stay on track to graduate with my associate degree in Welding Technology in August 2024.”

Diane Young

Saint Louis Community College Forest Park, Missouri

“Thank you for choosing me for this opportunity. This scholarship gives me encouragement and motivation to not give up on my career in Automotive Technology. I know I’m not alone as a woman on this journey and I hope I can persuade other females to participate in this path. My vision is to be a master technician and this award helps to pave the way for my future.”



SKILLSUSA–AEROTEK MAKE YOUR MARK 2024 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP & SKILLS CONFERENCE RECIPIENTS

The SkillsUSA – Aerotek NLSC 2024 “Make Your Mark” scholarship provided \$2,500 to support students who demonstrated exceptional technical skills, leadership, and commitment to their career development. The award could be applied to tuition at a postsecondary institution for the fall 2024 academic term. In 2024, 45 students were able to pursue their educational and career goals thanks to this award. By investing in the next generation of leaders, Aerotek underscored its commitment to workforce development and fostered a talent pipeline ready to tackle the challenges of tomorrow’s industries. Here are thank you messages from some of our 2024 NLSC SkillsUSA Aerotek “Make Your Mark” scholarship winners. [See the full list of winners.](#)



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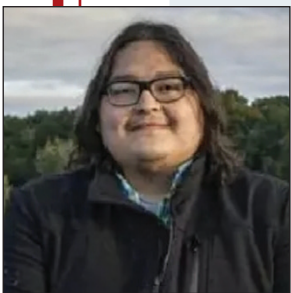
MESSAGES FROM SOME OF THE 2024 NLSC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Blake Archer

South Georgia Technical College, Georgia

“As a dedicated SkillsUSA member, I want to sincerely thank Aerotek for their generous contribution to the Make Your Mark Scholarship. Your support not only helps students like me pursue higher education but also strengthens the skilled workforce crucial to America’s future. I deeply appreciate your role in my personal development and in advancing skilled trades. Your generosity makes a lasting impact on our growth and success.”



Andrew Carrasco

College of Lake County, Illinois

“I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the scholarship. This represents not only financial support but also a vote of confidence in my academic and career pursuits. I am a passionate student in mechatronics and robotics and this scholarship will significantly impact my educational journey. It allows me to focus on my studies, explore technologies and contribute to innovative projects. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and achieving my goal of becoming a skilled engineer. Thank you again for your generosity.”



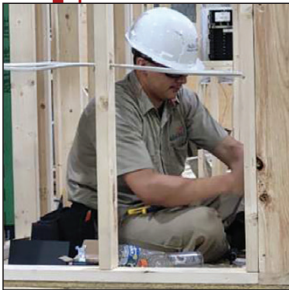
John Crump

Gillette College, Wyoming

“I cannot thank the sponsors enough for their generosity and financial support. Because of this scholarship, I will be able to attain my associate degree in Diesel Technology without any debt and will be able to put as much money as I can into tools instead of loans. Thank you!”

SKILLSUSA-AEROTEK MAKE YOUR MARK SCHOLARSHIP

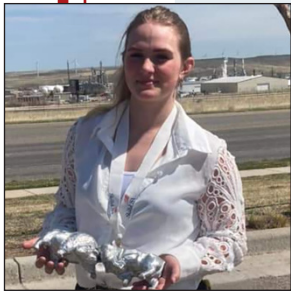
MESSAGES FROM SOME OF THE 2024 NLSC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Victor Flores

Texas State Technical College-Waco, Texas

“Thank you for accepting me for this scholarship. This scholarship will help me further continue my education not only in the electrical field but in life down the road. Thank you for giving me this shot, and it won’t go to waste.”



Morgan Grossman

Western Wyoming Community College, Wyoming

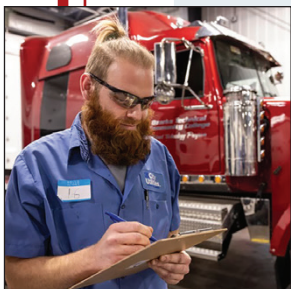
“Thank you for your kind and generous scholarship and for choosing me as your recipient. As the one responsible for the financial burden of school, this allows me to focus more on classes and not have to work an additional job to help support myself. I am very excited to be in my second year of Welding at Western Wyoming Community College, and I am looking forward to another year in SkillsUSA. This scholarship will allow me the time I will need to finish classes and work on my skills project with fewer distractions. Thank you again for choosing me as your scholarship recipient, and I will do my best to be the best welder I can be.”



Josue Hernandez

Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School, Texas

“I just want to give my gratitude for selecting me for one of the scholarships. This scholarship is going to help me with my next step in my career and probably even place me on the path to have a chance of even working for Aerotek.”



Brennan McNabb

Ozarks Technical Community College, Missouri

“This is awesome. I really appreciate all of the support. This will help with my education and further my career in the industry.”

SKILLSUSA-AEROTEK MAKE YOUR MARK SCHOLARSHIP

MESSAGES FROM SOME OF THE 2024 NLSC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



James Rolf

Northeast Community College, Nebraska

“Thank you so much for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. This gives me a great advantage as I am one year away from graduating and pursuing my career goals after college. It helps me be able to have no debt going into college, which will help dramatically as I try to build my own business one day.”



Scipio Spinks

Salt Lake City Community College, Utah

I want to say a big thank you for awarding me the “Make Your Mark” scholarship. I’m very grateful for your support. This scholarship will make a huge difference for me. It takes a lot of the financial stress off my shoulders, so I can focus more on my studies and my career goals. It’s a big step towards my career in Construction Management. Thanks to your generosity I feel even more motivated to work hard and succeed. I truly appreciate your support.



Alexis Squyres

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Pennsylvania

“Thank you, Aerotek, for funding the Make Your Mark scholarship to help me in my postsecondary education! I am very thankful to be selected and look forward to focusing on learning advanced Machine Tool Technology at Thaddeus Stevens College this coming year. I will work hard to make sure I get the most out of my education while continuing to do the most I can for those around me.”

THE MARSHA DAVES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SkillsUSA offers one annual merit-based \$1,500 scholarship to a state officer for college/postsecondary education in memory of Marsha Daves. In the 2023–2024 academic year, 42 students applied to the Marsha Daves Memorial Scholarship.



Marsha Daves

ABOUT MARSHA DAVES

This scholarship honors Marsha Daves, a former SkillsUSA state and national leader and true champion of students who recognized how student leaders are empowered by the skills they gain through SkillsUSA and how these skills help them become better team members, leaders, employees and community members.

MESSAGE FROM 2023–24 RECIPIENT

Sylvia Dobbe

*Center for Advanced Technical Studies,
South Carolina*

“I want to express my deep gratitude to everyone who has supported me throughout my journey with SkillsUSA. This scholarship will allow me to pursue my passion for Graphic Design by helping me pay for college and work toward my career. SkillsUSA has equipped me with the skills I need to succeed in this field, and I am excited to continue building my future with the foundation they’ve given me. Thank you for being part of my incredible journey!”



THE SKILLSUSA NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

The SkillsUSA National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) Scholarship is made possible through a partnership between SkillsUSA and NTHS. Scholarship awards of \$1,000 each are awarded annually to four qualified students who are members of both SkillsUSA and NTHS. In the 2023–2024 academic year, 135 students applied to the NTHS Scholarship and four students were selected to receive a scholarship award. NTHS is an educational nonprofit organization that honors, recognizes and empowers students and teachers in career and technical education. As the honor society for CTE, NTHS serves over 100,000 active members each year in secondary and postsecondary chapters nationwide.



2023–2024 RECIPIENTS



Sylvia Dobbe

Center for Advanced Technical Studies, South Carolina

Yan Dologuin

Northwest Kansas Technical College, Kansas

Deacon Kraft

Moore Norman Technology Center, Oklahoma

Alexa Martinis

Camden County Technical Schools, New Jersey

THE SHARON MELTON MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, scholarship awards of \$1,000 each are awarded to two SkillsUSA members in any pathway to support continued education at the college/postsecondary level in memory of member Sharon Ruth Melton Myers. In 2024, a total of 113 students applied to the Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship.



Sharon Melton Myers

ABOUT SHARON MELTON MYERS

Sharon Ruth Melton Myers was an active member of the McMinn County Vocational Center SkillsUSA chapter in Tennessee from 1985 to 1988. During this time, she participated in local, state and national SkillsUSA activities. She was a chapter officer in 1986–87, SkillsUSA Tennessee secretary in 1986–87 and the national president in 1987–88. She also participated on her chapter’s Opening and Closing Ceremonies team in 1986–88.

Following graduation from McMinn High School, Sharon continued to be a tireless supporter of SkillsUSA and served as a national officer trainer for several years. She was integral in establishing a SkillsUSA Tennessee alumni charter and constitution while attending David Lipscomb College in Nashville. Sharon was truly dedicated to the ideals of SkillsUSA and its mission.

THE SHARON MELTON MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

MESSAGES FROM 2023–24 RECIPIENTS



Giovanna Masson

Greater Lowell Technical High School, Massachusetts

“Thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient of the Sharon Melton Myers Memorial Scholarship! I am extremely grateful that you have chosen to support my college journey to become a future technical instructor for Programming and Web Development!”

Stuart Robinson

Davie High School, North Carolina

“Thank you so much for selecting me for the Sharon Melton Myers Scholarship. I feel honored to be one of the two SkillsUSA members chosen. I’m incredibly excited to attend North Carolina State this fall where I plan to study Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, I would like to work in the field to develop new and sustainable technologies. This scholarship is a great help with tuition and education expenses. Without generous sponsors and scholarships, college tuition would be much more challenging for me. I truly appreciate the opportunities this scholarship and SkillsUSA have given me.”



THE AIR-CONDITIONING, HEATING, AND REFRIGERATION INSTITUTE (AHRI) CLIFFORD “TED” REES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, up to four SkillsUSA members studying HVAC-R are selected by the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) to receive a \$2,500 award towards their continued study of HVAC-R at the college/postsecondary level in memory of Clifford “Ted” Rees. AHRI members manufacture quality, efficient and innovative HVAC-R equipment and components for sale around the world. These products account for more than 90% of the residential and commercial equipment manufactured and sold in North America. In the 2023–2024 academic year, 20 students applied to the AHRI Clifford Ted Rees Memorial Scholarship.



ABOUT THE AHRI CLIFFORD TED REES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Clifford H. “Ted” Rees, Jr. Scholarship Foundation was established to assist with the recruitment and competency of future heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC-R) technicians by awarding scholarships to qualified students who are enrolled in an institutionally accredited school.

2023–2024 RECIPIENTS

Cadin Blais

Mitchell Technical College, South Dakota

Dylan Demers

Northwest Tech, New York

John Chaney

Tennessee College of Applied Technology — Knoxville, Tennessee

Scott Mull

Tennessee College of Applied Technology — Knoxville, Tennessee

MESSAGE FROM A 2023–2024 RECIPIENT



Cadin Blais

Mitchell Technical College, South Dakota

“Thank you to the AHRI Scholarship Foundation for awarding me this scholarship. It will greatly support my schooling needs, such as tools for the field and living expenses while I attend Mitchell Technical College. This scholarship will allow me to focus more on learning the HVAC trade and working toward my goal of becoming a service manager. I’m excited for the opportunity to grow and help others succeed in the future. Thank you again for this generous support.”

LARRY RASH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, two scholarships of \$2,500 are awarded to SkillsUSA members studying architectural drafting in memory of Larry Rash. One award is presented to a selected applicant; the second is awarded to the national high school gold medalist in architectural drafting. In the 2023–2024 academic year, 28 students applied to the Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship.



Larry Rash

ABOUT LARRY RASH

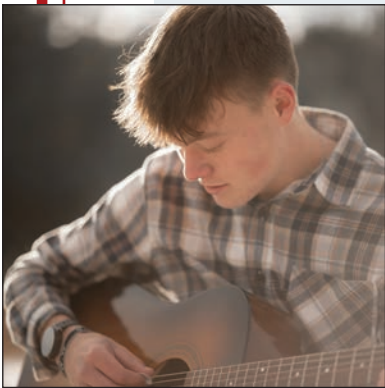
Larry Rash grew up building with Legos. As a young adult, he studied drafting and architecture at D. Russell Lee Vocational School in Ohio, where he also had a coop position at Steed, Hammond and Paul Architects. He earned a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering technology from the University of Cincinnati in 1982 and gained his registration from the state of Wisconsin in 1996.

Larry worked for Ryland Homes for over 20 years. In 2010, Larry joined Davis Bews Design Group (DBDG) in Tampa, Florida. At DBDG, Larry provided quality assurance reviews of every plan before it left the office, researched building codes and provided quality feedback to drafters so that they understood specific building requirements and regulations.

Larry attended local builder association meetings and kept staff and clients up to date on changes and trends in the industry. One of his favorite hobbies was photographing architectural sites in his spare time. His life passion was designing homes where families could live out their dreams and he would be honored to sponsor students pursuing careers in architecture.

LARRY RASH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

MESSAGE FROM THE 2023–24 RECIPIENT



Elliot McCoy

Hillyard Technical School, Missouri

“I can’t thank you enough for selecting me for the Larry Rash Memorial Scholarship. I am excited to begin classes in Civil Engineering and Construction Management at Missouri State University. I am the first of three brothers to attend college; my dad’s unexpected passing during my freshman year created some of the most challenging moments I ever thought possible.

As I look back on high school, I realize that my experiences in SkillsUSA in the Computer-Aided Design program had a huge impact on my future choices. I am already certified in CAD and have earned two district medals in Computer-Aided Design. I hope to use this knowledge to help create better-functioning communities as I enter my career. My dad helped students at my high school wherever he could, and this scholarship helps me continue his legacy. Although I did not have the privilege of knowing Mr. Rash, we would have shared a love for architectural Lego sets or examining blueprint plans for buildings. The way you have carried his memory forward is inspiring. I read somewhere that, ‘A legacy isn’t what we leave behind. It is what we carry forward.’ I am humbled to be part of Mr. Rash’s legacy.”

FIELDPIECE #MASTEROFTHETRADE SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, Fieldpiece awards multiple \$2,500 #MasteroftheTrade scholarships to SkillsUSA members studying HVAC-R. For over 30 years, Fieldpiece has been devoted to the HVAC-R trade — making tools for HVAC-R pros by HVAC-R pros. Fieldpiece cares deeply about this industry and is committed to creating opportunities for those who want to build a successful career in HVAC-R. In the 2023–2024 academic year, 36 students applied to this scholarship. Six students were selected to receive a scholarship award of \$2,500 each.



2023–2024 RECIPIENTS

Cadin Blais

Mohamed Devab

Cole Kelley

John Chaney

Peyton Hoenig

Colton Rentschler



Peyton Hoenig

Guilford Technical Community College, North Carolina

“Thank you for your generous support through the Fieldpiece #MasteroftheTrade Scholarship. Your commitment to investing in the education and future of aspiring professionals like me is inspiring. Receiving this scholarship is not only a tremendous honor but also a significant milestone on my journey towards achieving my career goals. Your belief in my potential fuels my determination to excel in my studies and make a positive impact in the industry. This scholarship will alleviate some of the financial burdens and allow me to focus on honing my skills. I am committed to maximizing this opportunity by dedicating myself wholeheartedly to my academic and professional pursuits. Your generosity has not lightened my financial load and motivated me to strive for excellence in everything I do.”



Colton Rentschler

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Pennsylvania

“Thank you so much to Fieldpiece and to everybody who played a part in nominating me to receive this award. I am very appreciative of this scholarship as it will help to pay off some of my tuition and expand my tool collection. I want to be the best HVAC technician I can possibly be and one day to own my own company. It is an honor to accept this scholarship.”

FINE HOMEBUILDING #KEEPCRAFTALIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Each year Fine Homebuilding magazine awards multiple \$2,500 scholarships to SkillsUSA members studying homebuilding related pathways. In the 2023–2024 academic year, 46 students applied to this scholarship and six were selected to receive a scholarship. Fine Homebuilding’s #KeepCraftAlive campaign celebrates those who have chosen to passionately pursue a career in design, building and remodeling.



2023–2024 RECIPIENTS

Joaquin Garcia Aiden Layng Luke Ryan
Rolando Garcia Parker McCord Phoenix Samolewski



Joaquin Garcia

East Career and Technical Academy, Nevada

“Thank you to the sponsors of the Fine Homebuilding Scholarship, Fine Homebuilding, and their corporate partners Pella Windows & Doors and Feeney. This scholarship has truly changed my life. It has opened doors to new career pathways I never thought I would be able to pursue, including Electrical Engineering and Architecture. It also gives me more leverage as I begin my apprenticeship in my trade. Once again, thank you for this life-changing blessing.”



Rolando Garcia

Texas State Technical College, Texas.

“I am deeply honored to be selected as a recipient of the Fine Homebuilding #KeepCraftAlive Scholarship. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for this generous award and the opportunities it provides. This \$2,500 scholarship will significantly contribute to my tuition at TSTC for the upcoming Fall 2024 term. Your support allows me to focus more on my studies and less on the financial burden of my education. I am passionate about pursuing a career in Building Construction Technology, and this scholarship brings me one step closer to achieving my goal of becoming a skilled professional in the construction industry. With this support, I can gain the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in my field and contribute to the industry in meaningful ways. Thank you for believing in my potential and for investing in the future of construction-related careers. I am excited to continue my journey and make the most of this incredible opportunity.”

FINE HOMEBUILDING #KEEPCRAFTALIVE SCHOLARSHIP

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Aidan Layng

Westfield Technical Academy, Massachusetts

“This SkillsUSA #KeepCraftAlive scholarship has allowed me to access the specialized training and next-level career readiness without the worry of a financial burden. My goal is to own a cabinetry shop specializing in whole house packages for residential clientele in the New England coastal market. I know that attending trade school will help me gain the skills and education to achieve this. This scholarship has allowed me to move forward with my goals, and I hope to someday pay it forward to a future high school graduate embarking on a similar path.”



Phoenix Samolewski

Bixhorn Technical Center Bellport, New York

“This scholarship is so much appreciated! It will help me financially at SUNY Delhi, and I can’t wait to start my education in the Residential Construction field.”



Luke Ryan

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania

“Thank you so much to the sponsors of this great scholarship. I am incredibly grateful to be recognized and awarded for my achievements in this way. This scholarship will help pay for my college education at the University of Delaware for Construction Engineering and Management, which is the next big step on my journey to achieving my career goals. Thank you so much!”

BOB WESTPHAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In the 2023–2024 academic year, 16 students applied to the Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship. Four students were selected to receive a scholarship award of \$2,500 each. The scholarship provides annual awards to multiple applicants who demonstrate promise in the construction trades with an emphasis on sustainability.

ABOUT BOB WESTPHAL

The Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship program was established to honor the memory of Robert H. Westphal (1944–2020) in recognition of his impact on the oil and gas pipeline industry. The award assists students interested in a career in energy construction. Westphal committed a lifetime of leadership in pipeline construction and gave back to the industry in many ways, holding leadership positions with industry associations and working with labor organizations. Established in 2020 by Benjamin Media, publisher of Trenchless Technology, and Continuum Capital, in cooperation with SkillsUSA, the Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship has been presented since 2021 in memory of their colleague.



Bob Westphal

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Megan Bailey

Chico High School, California

“I am honored to be a recipient of the Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship! This scholarship will allow me to attend the Colorado School of Mines, where I am majoring in civil engineering. With this degree, I hope to work on building all kinds of energy infrastructure, including interstate power lines and massive pipelines, helping to provide the U.S. with the energy to power the world. Thank you again to SkillsUSA and the Westphal family for this scholarship.”



Edmund Bentley

Alfred State College, New York

“Thank you very much for choosing me for this scholarship. This scholarship means a lot to me as it will help me pay for all the equipment I will need for my education and greatly assist me in focusing on my studies, as I will stress less over monetary issues. I cannot thank you enough or express how much it means to have your support for my education and future.”

BOB WESTPHAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

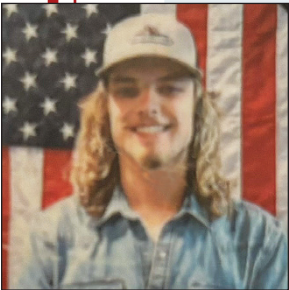
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Colin Everett

East Tennessee State University, Tennessee

“I would like to thank you for awarding me this scholarship. Throughout my academic journey, athletic pursuits, and summer jobs, I have learned important lessons in discipline, grit and determination. I believe that with these lessons, I can achieve great things in college and later in my career in the dirt world. My only limit is the cost of college. I have several other siblings who also compete in athletics and who want to attend college, which limits how much my parents can help me. Because of this award, I can start working with less debt and therefore, make a bigger impact in the construction world sooner. Thank you for choosing me!”



Stone Osborne

Western Welding Academy, Georgia

“Thank you for the opportunity to apply for and be awarded the Bob Westphal Memorial Scholarship. I am honored to receive it, and I will put it to good use. I am currently attending Western Welding Academy in Gillette, Wyoming, pursuing a certificate in welding. Your contribution to my education is greatly appreciated.”

ROBERT L. FLINT STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR WLTI AND LEVERAGE CONFERENCES

The Robert L. Flint Student Leadership Development Scholarship provides support for outstanding students who have a desire to attend the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI), Leverage at NLSC or another a national leadership training but who may have insufficient chapter, school or community resources to attend. This year, 22 students applied to receive the Robert L. Flint Student Leadership Development Scholarship and four awards of \$800 each made it possible for these students to attend Leverage at NLSC in June 2024 or WLTI on Sept. 21–25, 2024.

ABOUT ROBERT FLINT

Robert L. Flint joined Caterpillar Inc. in the early 1970s and advanced through various leadership roles to become the President and Chief Operating Officer of the renowned heavy equipment manufacturer. During his tenure, Flint was instrumental in shaping the company’s strategies for growth, innovation and global expansion. Flint retired from Caterpillar in the mid-2000s, leaving behind a legacy of leadership that helped guide the company to greater success in the global marketplace. He served the SkillsUSA Board of Directors and was an industry partner and steadfast supporter of SkillsUSA.

2024 RECIPIENTS

Jayden Sandoval

Taylor Strange

Corina Stewart

Rashell Tanner

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Jayden Sandoval

Dauphin County Technical School, Pennsylvania

“Thank you for taking the time to review my application and considering me for the 2024 Leverage Scholarship. Receiving this award means a lot to me as I now embark on my new journey as a state officer at the 2024 National Leadership & Skills Conference. I will be able to gain the skills I need to help advocate for SkillsUSA and engage as many students as possible in the organization. Once again, thank you for this amazing opportunity!”



ROBERT L. FLINT STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (WLTJ AND LEVERAGE)

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Corina Stewart

Savannah Technical College, Georgia

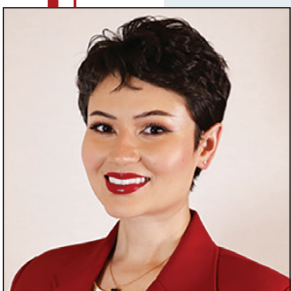
“Thank you for this opportunity to be considered for the Flint Leadership Development Scholarship. It will greatly assist me in the pursuit of my dreams and ambitions of enhancing my leadership skills for a positive impact within my school and community. Thanks to your generosity, students like me have the ability to continue to grow and make a difference in the world. For me, this means enhancing my skills to reach more women in my community, helping inspire and empower them to become leaders, and inspiring them to help further the goal of making a difference in more lives as we grow in numbers and impact our community.”



Taylor Strange

Barren County Area Technology Center, Kentucky

“Receiving this scholarship helps offset the expenses that come along with working to achieve success. It relieves the stress and worry of maintaining financial stability for my beloved mother, who has sacrificed so much to see me succeed. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity for this scholarship. It is my honor to receive it.”



Rashell Tanner

Augusta Technical College, Georgia

“I am a student in the Design and Media Production Technology program at Augusta Technical College. This scholarship will allow me to navigate through financial stresses so that I may shift my focus into receiving professional development. The generosity of this scholarship has inspired me to push forward with even more force to be the best that I can be! Thank you so much for this outstanding opportunity.”

HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS NLSC TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools supports SkillsUSA high school members by awarding a total of \$69,150 in travel scholarships to students competing at the 2024 National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta. In 2024, 58 SkillsUSA members from 34 states and 27 competition areas received awards up to \$1,500 each to offset the costs of lodging, NLSC registration and travel to Atlanta. Thanks to the generosity of Harbor Freight, available funds allowed all eligible applicants to receive the scholarship. Here are thank-you messages from

HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

some of our Harbor Freight Tools for Schools 2024 NLSC scholarship winners. [See the full list of winners.](#)

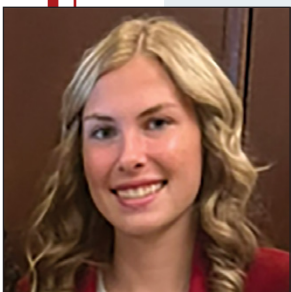
MESSAGES FROM 2024 RECIPIENTS



Jaxon Archibald

Maple Mountain High School, Utah

“Thank you! Getting this scholarship is a huge deal for me. It’s not just about the money (though that helps a lot), but it’s also like a pat on the back for all the hard work I have put in. As a high school student chasing my dreams, having this scholarship will take off a lot of stress while competing and will allow me to enjoy my experience in Atlanta. This scholarship will help me focus on my studying, training and practice getting ready for my competition. I can’t thank you enough for believing in me and giving me this opportunity!”



Sarah Autry

Midway High School, North Carolina

“Thank you so much for deciding to sponsor me! I am very excited for this national competition with my Opening and Closing team and can’t wait for the chance to compete with my friends. Opening and Closing gives me the chance to be very professional and precise. In today’s society, it seems that everyone is too comfortable, and I believe that learning professional mannerisms will help me be successful in college and as a missionary.”

**HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR
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Adon Burrell

Oliver Wolcott Technical High School, Connecticut

“Thank you Harbor Freight for the scholarship. The money will help me afford to travel to Atlanta. I really appreciate the support. It will make me a more professional, outstanding contestant and help me be prepared for the contest.”

Alexandria Courtney

Great Crossing High School, Kentucky

“It is with immense appreciation that I accept this generous award, knowing the difference it will make in my pursuit of my career goals. Receiving this scholarship is not only a financial blessing but also a vote of confidence in my abilities and aspirations. As a dedicated student committed to pursuing a career in Welding/Engineering, this scholarship comes as a beacon of support, providing me with the means to continue my education and attend the NLSC without undue financial strain. Your generosity and support will not be forgotten. Thank you for believing in me and for investing in my future.”

Andrew Easter

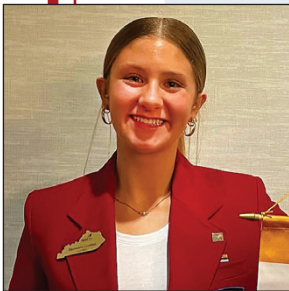
Stafford Technical Center, Vermont

“Thank you so much for your support and generosity in helping me make this trip a reality. I am so excited to travel to Atlanta to further my skills. This summer, I am working with Carris Reels as an Engineering Intern. My future goals are to attend a post-secondary school to study engineering. Thank you again. I am truly grateful for this opportunity.”

Brycen Gandin

Stafford Technical Center, Vermont

“Thank you Harbor Freight! This scholarship will help me get to Atlanta to compete in Additive Manufacturing. I am a first-year student in Stafford Technical Center’s Engineering program. I will be returning for a second year this fall. I then plan to pursue a degree in engineering in college. Thank you again for supporting me as I work towards achieving my goals.”



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Lauren Galles

Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn-Remsen-Union Industrial Tech, Iowa

“Thank you to Harbor Freight for helping to pay for my trip to NLSC. I am so excited to also be able to go to a different state as I am from a small town in Iowa. I am excited to see more of my country while also making some of the greatest memories that I will create in life. Thank you for giving me this chance to show others the talents that I have to offer.”



Ryan Hill

Seacoast School of Technology, New Hampshire

“Thank you for this scholarship. It will provide a great opportunity for me to showcase my knowledge and skills that I have learned while taking automotive this year. I am very grateful and excited to be partaking in this event!”

Connor Jackson

Midway High School, North Carolina

“Thank you for your generosity and support to help students pay for SkillsUSA NLSC! It truly means a lot to have companies that care about us. As a student, this scholarship will help me obtain my future goals as a Marine Engineer and Mechanic because I will be able to compete and see many different competitions and opportunities that can open tons of doors for me. I’m very grateful for you and your company. I am part of a farming family quality and good-priced tools are essential! Once again, thank you so much!”



Roland Keiderling

Mount Academy, New York

“On behalf of our welding fabrication team and our school, I want to thank you at Harbor Freight and SkillsUSA for your generosity in giving out these scholarships. We have worked hard to get to this point and can’t wait to get to Atlanta. So, thank you again.”

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Noah Lindsey

Jefferson County High School, Tennessee

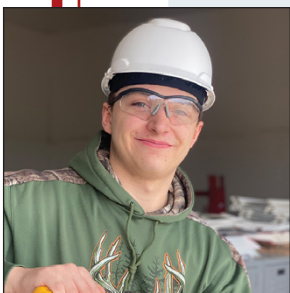
“Thanks to the good folks at Harbor Freight for the scholarship. I will use this money to pay for my expenses at the national SkillsUSA competition in Atlanta and to purchase the tools needed for sheet metal ductwork fabrication. Thank you again for the scholarship.”



Ron Maendel

Mount Academy, New York

“Being chosen to get the Harbor Freight travel grant was a surprise, so a big thank you to all of you who work behind the scenes to make this possible and give us a chance to compete at the highest level. We plan to make our state and school proud.”



Brandon Moore

Indian Valley Vocational Center, Illinois

“Thank you to Harbor Freight as well as the individuals who handle the scholarship applications for choosing me to receive this generous travel scholarship. This scholarship will help me to travel to Atlanta to compete at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. This opportunity will surely help me grow both as an individual and as a worker in the construction industry.”



Rob O'Connell

Mount Academy, New York

“Thank you to Harbor Freight and SkillsUSA for making these grants possible. It is very much appreciated and will go a long way to help us pay our travel costs. Thank you again.”

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Hayden Parsons

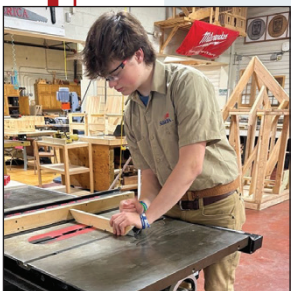
Franklin County Career and Technical Center, Mississippi

“With this scholarship, I now have the opportunity to expand my horizons, gain valuable skills, and make a positive impact within my community. Thank you Harbor Freight Tools.”

Micah Russel

Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education, Arizona

“Thank you so much for your support! This scholarship will make it infinitely easier to afford my trip to nationals, which otherwise I may not have been able to attend. Because of that, I will gain invaluable experience. Thank you for helping me to be able to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!”



Asher Shipley

Oliver Wolcott Technical High School, Connecticut

“I would like to thank Harbor Freight for the scholarship money granted to me. This will help me go to the national SkillsUSA conference. Because of that, I will experience more opportunities in the trade and it will help to advance my career. Thank you again Harbor Freight for making this trip possible.”

Emily Sutton

Lebanon Technology and Career Center, Missouri

“Thank you Harbor Freight for helping fund my trip down to Atlanta for the SkillsUSA Championships. Not only will it help get me there but my family as well, and it means the world that they will be there to watch me compete. Your support is much appreciated and is a great help in achieving my goals.”

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David Tollefsrud

Southeast Region Career and Technology Center, North Dakota

“Thank you for selecting me for the scholarship. By receiving this travel scholarship to help me go to SkillsUSA nationals, I now have the possibilities for more scholarships towards my schooling as an automotive technician.”

Muhammad Yousaf

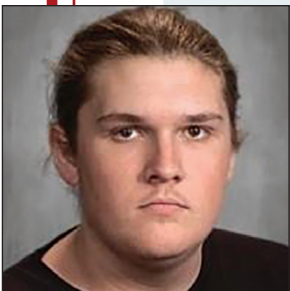
Miller Career and Technology Center, Texas

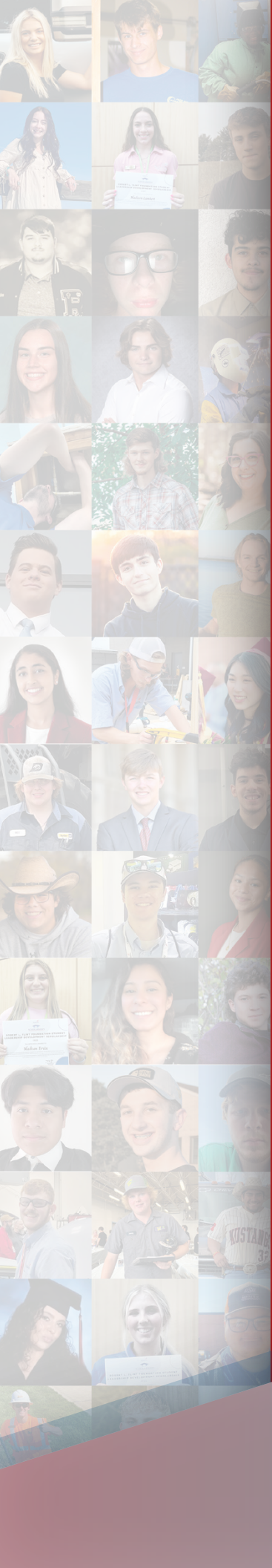
“Thank you Harbor Freight Tools for Schools for giving me the travel scholarship for the NLSC. It means so much to me to be able to attend this event once again, even though it will be my last time as a competitor. This scholarship will help me hone my skills and show off my strengths in competition again at the national level.”

Tristian Vultaggio

Montecito High School, California

“I would like to express my gratitude for this generous gift. It will certainly help afford the protective equipment and tools I need to be successful on the job.”





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