

# *DeWitt Chamber Offers Scholarships to Clinton County Students*

Good jobs are those which pay well, challenge us, are a good match for our talents and skills, aren't too stressful, offer room to advance and provide a satisfying work-life balance. We may not agree on what is stressful, or satisfying, but I think we can all agree, working in a profession one enjoys offers a great deal of personal satisfaction.

When U.S. News ranked the 100 Best Jobs it is not surprising careers in the medical industry accounted for 20 of the top 25 and 32 of the top 50. For most careers associated with the medical industry you will find an abundance of great opportunities providing long-term employment with a desirable wage.

Perhaps a career in medical field is not for you and that is fine as there are other professions which are just as crucial to our society and provide great opportunities. Did you know there is a shortage of Skilled Trades professionals? Tool and die, electricians, plumbers, mechanics, heating and cooling, and welders, just to name a few.



If you fall ill, have an accident, or need surgery, you look to medical professionals for help. However, we have a tendency to overlook the importance of an electrician, plumber, auto mechanic and so many others. These are definitely the hidden heroes of our society who are on the poles after severe storms restoring power to our homes and business, repairing furnaces when we wake up with no heat, or repair our vehicles to keep us mobile. Like medical professionals who work hard to keep us alive and well, skilled trades people work hard to provide the comforts of life we all enjoy.

If you have a desire to seek a career in the Medical Services Industry or the Skilled Trades Industry, the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce has two scholarship programs available which may be of interest to you. Each program offers \$1,000 scholarships to Clinton County graduating seniors.

Application Deadline is April 1, 2021 with no exceptions. Applications for both programs can be found by visiting the Chamber's Website at [www.dewittareacc.org](http://www.dewittareacc.org) or you can request an application via email by contacting the Chamber at [Loretta@dewittareacc.org](mailto:Loretta@dewittareacc.org).

The DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization created to support and promote the business community in conjunction with quality of life initiatives for communities throughout Clinton County.

The DeWitt Chamber Foundation is a non-profit organization created to support educational opportunities throughout Clinton County.





## *Scholarship Eligibility Requirements*

Post-Secondary can be expensive; however, important in pursuing a successful future. The DeWitt Chamber Foundation would like to help you obtain your goals by providing \$1,000 to students seeking careers in the Medical Services Industry or the Skilled Trades Industry.

### **DETAILED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS DETAILS**

#### **To be eligible Applicants must:**

- Reside in Clinton county or graduating from a Clinton County School in 2021
- Have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and
- Be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredit program offering a Certificate of completion, Associate's Degree, or Bachelor's Degree in a Skilled Trades or Medical Services Program.

#### **Educational Institution Requirements**

The application must use the scholarship awarded to attend a post-secondary institution of learning that requires a high school diploma for admission. This could include any public or private four-year accredit college or university; two-year accredited college; or vocational technical college or training institution.

#### **Application Criteria and Supporting Materials Required**

1. Completed and signed application form
2. An official copy of the applicant's transcript and grade report from their High School
3. At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher in support of the applicant's application. Additional letters from the school administrator, counselor, or employment supervisor may also be admitted in support of the application although they are not required. Do not send letters of recommendation from immediate family members, close family friends, or relatives, they will not be considered and application could be denied
4. A typewritten statement between 150-200 words prepared and signed by the applicant which explains his/her reasons for wanting to pursue a career in the chosen field of study.

#### **Payment of Scholarship Proceeds**

The student (s) selected to receive a scholarship will be awarded a Certificate of Eligibility at the Student Awards Program with financial payment made payable to the student once proof of enrollment from the school of choice has been received by the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION AND RETURN BY APRIL 1, 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Career Desired \_\_\_\_\_

Trade School or College you plan to attend

Are you currently or have you previously worked in this field? Yes No

If the answer is yes, please provide the following information:

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application, you are stating that you are the author of the essay submitted and the material is not copied in any manner. You are also giving DACC permission to use your name and/or photograph in any and all marketing materials.

Parent/Guardian signature if application under the age of 18.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Due Date is April 1, 2021**

Application and all supporting documents must be mailed or delivered to:

**DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce  
113 S Bridge Street, DeWitt 48820**

Scholarship Award winner will be announced at High School Awards Program