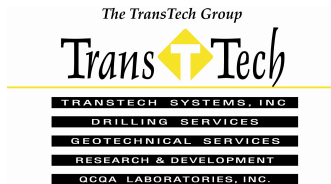




are pleased to announce  
**The Chamber of Schenectady County's**



## **Skilled Trades Scholarship**

### **The Community Foundation**

The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region is an independent, non-profit, publicly-supported, tax-exempt organization founded in 1968 to meet the existing and future needs of the Capital Region's educational, health, cultural, civic and charitable organizations. The Community Foundation's scope goes beyond social service and welfare; its purpose is to improve the overall quality of life in the Capital Region.

The Community Foundation administers a variety of charitable funds. Recognizing the importance of scholarships, especially with decreasing dollars for education at the federal level and increasing educational costs for students, the Foundation is pleased to administer the TransTech – Solid Surface Craftsman Skilled Trades Scholarship, which is described below.

### **The TransTech – Solid Surface Craftsman Skilled Trades Scholarship**

The Chamber of Schenectady County and the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, Inc. are pleased to announce the TransTech – Solid Surface Craftsman Skilled Trades Scholarship. The goal to enhance our community's quality of life is twofold:

1. To prepare an educated citizen for responsible roles within the workforce to strengthen the economic vitality of all communities within our county.
2. To create a corporate citizenship promoting the importance of community service and participation in community affairs.

The TransTech – Solid Surface Craftsman Skilled Trades Scholarship will recognize a student whose educational and career goals are committed to those principles. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to a student entering a certificate or apprenticeship program, two- or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2012 to study a skilled trade.

#### **THE CHAMBER OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

Mission Statement: *To drive a strong business climate throughout Schenectady County.*

#### **THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY CHAMBER FOUNDATION, INC.**

Mission Statement: *To create, advocate and nurture business, education and community partnerships, which influence change in the educational system and which address educational and workforce opportunities for students in Schenectady County.*

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicant must be a high school senior legally residing and/or studying in Schenectady County
- Applicant must intend to enroll full-time as a matriculated student in a certificate or apprenticeship program, two- or four-year, degree-bearing college or university beginning in the Fall of 2012.
- Applicant must demonstrate an expressed interest in a skilled trade.
- Applicant must qualify for the free or reduced lunch program.

### **Application Procedure**

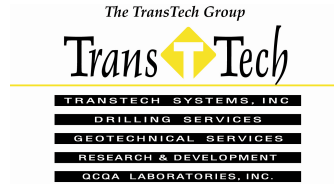
1. In addition to the *completed* application packet, applicant must submit the following:
  - a. Official high school transcript.
  - b. Two letters of recommendation from persons within your school such as a teacher, school administrator or guidance counselor; and one individual from the community other than a family member or relative. The letters should address the merits of your candidacy for this award and comment specifically on your character and abilities. At least one must also address your community service involvement or employment experience. There is a form attached that you may give to the people from whom you request letters.
  - c. A 250-500 word explanation about why you have chosen to pursue a career in the skilled trades.
  - d. Official school proof that the student qualifies for free or reduced lunch.
2. The Committee will consider only *completed application packets* received by the Selection Committee by **March 5, 2012**
3. The *completed* application packet is to be mailed to:  
The TransTech – Solid Surface Craftsman Skilled Trades Scholarship  
c/o The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region  
Six Tower Place  
Albany, NY 12203

### **Selection Schedule**

- The Committee will begin its review of the application materials in April 2012.
- The Committee may choose to interview applicants at the Chamber of Schenectady County, 306 State Street, Schenectady.
- **The scholarships will be awarded at the Chamber Foundation Golf Classic on May 21, 2012 at the Mohawk Golf Club. The winning student will be requested to attend this dinner, and can be accompanied by an adult guest.**

### **Award Disbursement**

- The one-time, \$1,000 award will be paid directly to the certificate or apprenticeship program, college or university at the rate of \$500 per semester to cover tuition, college expenses, fees, books, instructional supplies and living expenses.
- The student must remain a full-time, matriculated student to receive the entire monetary award.
- An initial and/or subsequent scholarship award does not in itself imply a continuation of future awards. A verification and review process will be a part of subsequent year scholarship awards.



## Skilled Trades Scholarship – 2012 Application

STUDENT NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

PARENT NAME(S)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION DATE

CERTIFICATE OR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS OR COLLEGES TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE)

1.

2.

3.

DESIGNATED COURSE OF STUDY (ACADEMIC MAJOR)

Please describe any circumstances, financial, personal, academic or other experiences not reflected in your essays or resume that you would like the committee to take into consideration when evaluating your application: \_\_\_\_\_

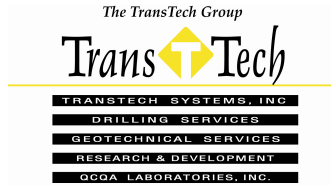
***Please attach a resume that contains details on any school and community activities or employment, in which you have been involved during high school. For each activity, list the inclusive dates of your participation, leadership positions you held and any recognition or awards you received.***

Also on a separate piece of paper, write an explanation, no less than 250 but no longer than 500 words, that states why you have chosen a career in the skilled trades. Be sure to include your career goals and how you believe this will improve Schenectady County, either financially or on a community level.

I hereby certify the information contained in this application is true and accurate.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE



## Skilled Trades Scholarship

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STUDENT NAME

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LETTER DUE DATE

*The student named above is preparing an application for the above Scholarship. S/he is seeking a letter of support from you regarding his/her candidacy for the Scholarship. In your letter, please address the following points regarding your knowledge of the candidate:*

(ATTENTION STUDENT: Be sure one letter-writer can speak about your community service and/or employment)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Character
- \_\_\_\_\_ Abilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participation in community service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participation in employment

*Please return your letter to the candidate/guidance counselor by the date above to:*

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NAME

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ADDRESS

*Thank you for your assistance!*