



Tower Family
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Tower Family Foundation Education Scholarship Guidelines

About the Scholarship: The Tower Family Foundation has a limited number of private merit based undergraduate degree

scholarships to offer to NATE Member Companies' employees and their dependents. The review and evaluation of all scholarship applications will be based on specific requirements related to academic achievement and the responses to the written essays. Additionally, scholarships are available to a severely injured or permanently disabled tower worker or a legal dependent of a permanently disabled or deceased tower worker.

Scholarship Guidelines: Tower Family Foundation Scholarships will be awarded in the early summer time frame for the student's upcoming academic year and shall be made payable to the educational institution on behalf of the student. If the applicant applies and is awarded a scholarship for the Fall semester, the scholarship award will be for the full academic year.

The scholarship award is intended to supplement any financial aid package received by the applicant and can be used for tuition/fees and other expenses charged by the institution, such as books, laboratory fees, and supplies.

Scholarship Value: Tower Family Foundation Scholarships are valued at up to \$5,000.00 per year for full-time students (carrying a minimum of 12 semester hours) and up to \$2,500.00 per year for part-time students (carrying a minimum of 6 semester hours).

A scholarship recipient may apply for an additional scholarship for the next academic year provided a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 is maintained and for merit-based applicants, a verification letter of continued employee or dependent relationship to a NATE Member Company in good standing is provided. Scholarships are renewable annually (for up to four years for full-time students and six years for part-time students).

Closing Date for Fall Applications: May 31 of current year

Award Announcement: July 1 of current year

Merit Based Applicant Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must provide evidence of a cumulative GPA of 2.5 for initial scholarship award. Scholarship renewals require a cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Applicant must be an employee or legal dependent of an employee of a current NATE Member Company in good standing.
- Applicant must be a high school graduate with acceptance to a regionally accredited post-secondary educational institution.
- Enrolled as either a full-time or part-time student.

Accident or Death Based Applicant Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a severely injured or permanently disabled tower worker, (or) a legal dependent of a permanently disabled or deceased tower industry worker.
- Applicant must provide evidence of a cumulative GPA of 2.5 for initial scholarship award. Scholarship renewals require a cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Applicant must be a high school graduate with acceptance to a regionally accredited post-secondary educational institution.
- Enrolled as either a full-time or part-time student.

Application Packet:

To be considered for a scholarship, an applicant must submit all of the following by the deadline in one PDF packet attached in an email:

- Completed Tower Family Foundation Scholarship Application Form.
- Two Completed Essays: (Each essay to be a minimum of 500 words, not to exceed 800 words. Essays must be double-spaced and included as part of the application packet.)
 1. Identify your degree program and describe what you would like to learn from your selected program of study and your college experience. Include in your answer how you hope to grow professionally and personally, and what your goals are upon graduating from your program.
 2. Describe a challenge you've faced and share how you overcame the challenge, the lessons you learned, and how you will apply this experience in your future.
- Official High School Transcript with cumulative 2.5 GPA OR your current official college transcript with cumulative GPA of 2.5, if currently attending college.
- One (1) employment or legal dependent verification letter from a current NATE Member Company (For Merit Based Applicants Only)
- One (1) recommendation letter from a high school teacher, post-secondary teacher, or career/guidance counselor. If out of high school greater than three years, a professional reference is acceptable.
- Acceptance letter from a regionally accredited post-secondary education the applicant will be attending.

The completed Scholarship Application and all supporting documentation should be submitted to the Tower Family Foundation via email at help@towerfamilyfoundation.org. Please note **"Tower Family Foundation Scholarship Application"** in the subject line of the email to ensure proper processing.

The Tower Family Foundation Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and determine scholarship awards based on the documents received.



Tower Family Foundation Education Scholarship Application

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

(Applicant please check the appropriate box below.)

- Accident or Death Based Applicant (Based on death or serious injury accident).*
- Merit Based Applicant (Based on academic GPA for employee or their dependents).
- New Applicant Previous Scholarship Recipient

Applicant Full Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

NATE Member Company (If applicable): _____

Name of Employee (If applicable): _____

Applicant Relation to Employee: _____

High School Name: _____

City/State: _____

College/Educational Institution: _____

City/State: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Graduation Date or Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Name and contact information for deceased or permanently disabled tower industry worker or the worker's surviving family member/guardian contact information (if applicable). * _____

First time applicants must submit the following documents in PDF format along with the application to be considered for a scholarship. For the packet to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee each document should be converted to a PDF and submitted as one file in the order listed below:

- Completed Tower Family Foundation Scholarship Application Form
- Verification letter of employment or legal dependent status from current NATE Member Company (If applicable)
- Official High School Transcript if a current graduate OR if enrolled in college submit your current official college transcript with cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Completed Essay Question 1 (Essay to be a minimum of 500 words, not to exceed 800 words. Essay must be double-spaced.)
- Completed Essay Question 2 (Essay to be a minimum of 500 words, not to exceed 800 words. Essay must be double-spaced.)
- Recommendation letter from a high school teacher, post-secondary teacher, or career/guidance counselor. If out of high school greater than three years, a professional reference is acceptable
- Acceptance letter from a regionally accredited post-secondary education the applicant will be attending

Previous Tower Family Foundation scholarship recipients must submit the following documents in PDF format when applying for another scholarship award:

- Current official college transcript with cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Verification letter from current NATE Member Company (if applicable)
- Letter from educational institution indicating satisfactory student status OR confirmation of enrollment (GPA shows good standing)
- Institutional accounting of tuition/fees paid and balance from the previous semester indicating where the TFF scholarship was applied

Release of information: By submitting this application, I the undersigned hereby authorize the Tower Family Foundation to share its contents with its Scholarship Committee members.

- I understand scholarship awards are based on my enrollment as a full-time or part-time student accepted at an accredited post-secondary education institution.
- I understand that I am not guaranteed a scholarship award by submitting this application.
- I understand that the scholarship award will be paid directly to the institution for tuition and fees or other related expenses such as books, required laboratory fees.
- I understand that the Scholarship Committee's decision is final and cannot be appealed.
- I authorize the Tower Family Foundation to provide news releases to print and electronic media.

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Privacy: Personal information collected as part of the application process will become the property of the Tower Family Foundation and will be used by the Scholarship Committee for the purposes of reviewing and evaluating applications.

Submission: The completed Scholarship Application and all supporting documentation should be submitted to the Tower Family Foundation via email at help@towerfamilyfoundation.org as one PDF packet and received by the deadline. Please note **"Tower Family Foundation Scholarship Application"** in the subject line of the email to ensure proper processing.

