

CITY OF WHITING 2024

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The City of Whiting offers a scholarship program award for those students pursuing a technical education career path.

About the Scholarship

The Career and Technical Education Scholarship was instituted in 2015. This program is aimed at providing financial assistance to those students who have demonstrated success in technical education courses while enrolled in high school and who then wish to pursue a certificate or associates degree in technical arts. These technical education course of studies may include, but are not limited to, culinary arts, cosmetology, dental assistant, auto mechanic, etc. In 2019, the City awarded two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$6,000 each which represents \$3,000 being disbursed to the recipients each August for two consecutive years. In 2024, the City may award one (1) scholarship.

Scholarship Conditions

To maintain eligibility, students must demonstrate that they are classified by the institution they attend as full-time and must maintain a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) GPA. If the course studies are not graded in this fashion, the student must demonstrate continued eligibility in the course of study in accordance with institution's requirements. Students are required to submit their grades to the City of Whiting Clerk-Treasurer's Office at the end of each academic year and are to openly communicate any changes in their scholastic involvement. If a student fails to meet any of the outlined conditions, the Scholarship may be terminated at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The Committee may also consider exemptions to these conditions if extraordinary circumstances so warrant.

Qualifications

To be considered for the City of Whiting Career and Technical Education Scholarship, applicants must:

1. Demonstrate successful technical education courses while enrolled in high school with a GPA of at least 2.5 in the technical education courses or a 2.8 GPA if the student did not take technical education courses
2. Sign a publicity release form
3. Be the dependent of a Whiting homeowner who occupies that home
4. Attend a regionally accredited technical education institution

Selection Criteria

Each Spring, the Mayor of the City of Whiting will convene an *ad hoc* committee consisting of the Mayor or his/her designee, a member of the Board of Directors of the Community Improvement Corporation, a representative of BP and two members of the academic community. No member of this committee may have a family member applying for the scholarship at the time. This committee, who may request to interview applicants, will determine scholarship winners based on the following criteria:

- 1/3 Scholastic Achievement in technical education courses
- 1/3 Involvement & Leadership activities within the school
- 1/3 Involvement & Leadership within the community

City of Whiting Career and Technical Education Scholarship Application Form

Completed applications must be submitted to the City of Whiting Clerk-Treasurer's Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Awards will be announced annually at the students' graduation ceremony.

Name of High School _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Name _____

(last)

(first)

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____

Email _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Technical Education Institution you plan to attend _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Yes _____ No

Other institutions to which you've applied _____

Intended Course of Study _____

Please list or briefly describe your involvement in the following: (You may attach additional sheets)

- 1.) Local community activities (non-school related) in which you have participated, with an emphasis on volunteering, and any work experience you have.

- 2.) Contributions made to your school and any activities in which you participated. Please include the extent of your involvement.

- 3.) Any recognition or awards you have received at the national, state, local and school levels. Indicate any other special awards, prizes and scholarships you have received.

Please note that the Committee reserves the right to independently verify claims made by applicants.

Media Release Form

I am applying for the City of Whiting Career and Technical Education Scholarship. If granted the scholarship, my parent(s)/guardian(s) and I hereby authorize the City of Whiting to include my name and/or photograph in news or publicity information including, but not limited to newspaper, website, magazines, radio and television.

(Applicant) _____ (Date) _____

(Parent or Guardian) _____ (Date) _____

***Please submit this form with your application along with one original senior photograph of yourself. This photo will not be returned.**

Completed applications will include the following and must be received by the Whiting Clerk-Treasurer’s Office no later than Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

_____ City of Whiting Career and Technical Education Scholarship Application Form

_____ Signed Media Release

_____ Senior Photograph

_____ Current Transcript of Technical Education Courses or High school transcript if no technical educations courses

_____ Three letters of recommendation from individuals affiliated with the activities in which you have participated. At least one of the recommendation letters must be from an individual not affiliated with your school system.

Previous Technical Scholarship Recipients

2019 Recipients

Edgar Mendez	Whiting High School	\$3,000/\$6,000
Jacob Pick	Whiting High School	\$3,000/\$6,000