

USCTI Scholarship Program

Take the next step in your education and career with support from USCTI

\$5,000 Scholarship Opportunity

Are you pursuing a career in manufacturing, engineering, or technical trades?

The United States Cutting Tool Institute (USCTI) is offering a \$5,000 scholarship to help students and current employees grow their skills, education, and careers in the cutting tool industry. The scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, or other educational expenses and are paid directly to the recipient's school or training program.

Who Can Apply

You may be eligible if you are:

- An employee of a USCTI member company seeking additional training/education
- A high school senior entering a college or vocational program in the fall
- A current student in a college, university, or technical/vocational school (including online programs)

Family members of the USCTI Board of Directors or HR Committee are not eligible.

Recipients must remain enrolled, maintain passing grades, and submit transcripts after each grading cycle.

Qualifying Programs

Applicants may be enrolled in:

- Two or four-year college programs
- Vocational or technical schools offering engineering or technical programs applicable to the cutting tool industry.

Preference is given to technical, industrial arts, or engineering courses, though other programs may qualify with a USCTI member referral.



How To Apply

No later than March 1, upload the completed application and all required documentation (transcript, essay, and referral letter - see page 2) to Dropbox.

LINK TO DROPBOX

Please ensure that each uploaded document has the applicant's last name in the filename.

(Example: LastName_Application)

Questions, please email: uscti@uscti.com

Selection Process

Selection is based on academic performance, written essay, and referral from USCTI member company or school. The USCTI Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and presents finalists to the USCTI Board of Directors, which selects the recipient during the Spring Institute meeting. The winner will be notified shortly afterward, typically at the end of May.



Application Deadline

March 1

www.uscti.com



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Application Requirements

Submit all the following by March 1:

1. Completed application form – available at www.uscti.com
2. Certified school transcript (if applicable)
3. Essay – Describe the following in no more than two to three pages
 - a. Address what you have done in your past scholastic or professional endeavors.
 - b. Provide highlights of your current coursework or position.
 - c. Discuss your plans for your future college or career path.
 - d. Explain how your future plans might impact the cutting tool industry.
 - e. Describe what this scholarship would provide that you might otherwise not have access to in order to achieve your goals.
 - f. List any clubs, activities, co-ops, internships, apprentice programs, or other information that might inform the scholarship committee's decision.
4. Referral letter
 - a. Referral letter from a USCTI member company or;
 - b. For current students only, a referral letter from a vocational school/university guidance counselor, teacher, or principal. If the referral comes from a school, a member company must be located in the region in which the school resides. List of member companies [here](#).



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About USCTI

The United States Cutting Tool Institute (USCTI) is the national trade association for manufacturers of cutting tools for the metalworking industry. USCTI is advancing the industry through:

- Industry collaboration and networking
- Business statistics and data
- Education and training
- Technical resources and a voice in industry standards

Through this scholarship, USCTI aims to attract students to the profession and to encourage existing USCTI member employees to deepen their commitment to their careers.

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