



GUNTER “SMART SKILLS” SCHOLARSHIP

WBIA recognizes the demand for skilled workers in the state of Louisiana. Past president and lifetime member, Lucien Gunter, worked endlessly toward the betterment of K-12 education. Part of that task meant keeping up with the demands of businesses; jobs that are in demand and how we prepare (our future employees) for those jobs. Career Tech can give every student a jump start into the area of interest they plan to move into. “Find what you love and you’ll never work a day in your life”, was a common suggestion made by Gunter. Gunter had the ability to identify the needs and make the connections. We hope this scholarship gives a student an opportunity to advance his/her skills.

The ***Gunter Smart Skills Scholarship*** will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to the school/university/training facility on behalf of the student. Scholarship award must be used to assist with the cost of tuition, fees, books, tools, and/or other expenses connected to schooling/training.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

In order to be considered for a scholarship, the student must satisfy the following minimum requirements.

- Parent (or legal guardian) is an employee of an WBIA member firm*
- Candidate must have a cumulative high school Grade Point Average (Grades 9-11) of 2.5 or greater based on a 4.0 scale.
- Candidate must submit school transcript or ACT test score document.
- Candidate must have a letter of recommendation - from an educator or an outside source (Not a relative).
- Candidate must have participated in extracurricular activities, provided community service activities OR must have work experience.
- Completed application **must be submitted by MAY 31, 2024.**
- Scholarship recipients must attend an accredited **Louisiana** two or four year college program or certified training facility.**

Applications are available on line at www.WBIAnola.com for further information please contact WBIA at (504) 367-1721 or via email at admin@wbianola.com

**NOTE: If your company is a member of the WBIA with offices outside the Jefferson Parish area, the child of your employee is eligible to apply. The only requirement is that the student MUST attend a school in Louisiana.*

***Must qualify as a 4 or 5 Louisiana Star Job (see www.LAworks.net) for training programs.*



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APPLICATION 2024

Date: _____

- Will be attending Certified Program / Trade School
- Will be attending Technical College or University

Jump Start _____
LA Star Job _____

WBIA Member/ Company Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Relationship to WBIA member: ___self ___child ___grandchild ___spouse

Address: _____

City State Zip _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

___Current High School student or ___Adult Student at _____
Are you employed? YES _____ NO _____ If Yes: Part-time _____ Full time _____

How many hours per week? _____ Job Title: _____

Please state where you plan to attend school/college or training facility.

What career major do you plan to study, or are you currently studying?

List any career and technical courses completed and year of completion. Any Industry Based Certifications?

Answer the following questions. (if more space is required, please attach an additional page)

- 1. Please explain why you chose this career major. What are your professional/career goals?**

- 2. Describe an event in which you took a leadership role and what you learned about yourself.**

Required Signature(s):

By my signature below, I _____ affirm that I have furnished all information requested in this application; I understand that withholding information requested or giving false information may make me ineligible for the scholarship. I agree that relevant information may be released to the WBIA Workforce Committee for scholarship consideration. NOTE: If under the age of 18 your parent / guardian signature is also required

Student: _____

Parent: _____
(If student is under 18 years of age)

Send completed applications to: admin@WBIAAnola.com or to

WBIA, 5201 Westbank Expressway, Suite 205, Marrero, LA 70072

Deadline is May 31, 2024