

2026-2027
MERIT SHOP CONSTRUCTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Return by Friday, March 6, 2026

Date _____

Please be sure to read the application instructions to determine eligibility.

Information **MUST BE TYPED or PRINTED CLEARLY**. Completed application is due to the Center no later than **Friday, March 6, 2026**.

Please return form to: terri@abckeystone.org, or MSTRC, 898 N. Eagle Valley Road, Howard, PA 16841

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Name in Full _____
(Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle Initial) _____
2. Present Address _____
3. Permanent Address _____
4. Permanent Address – **County** _____
5. Phone Number (Present) (____) _____ (Parents) (____) _____
6. Date of Birth _____
7. Email address _____
8. Parent/legal guardian (if under 18) _____
Relationship _____
9. Address of parent/legal guardian _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List your three most recent jobs, including full-time employment, summer employment, or other part-time work. Briefly explain duties and responsibilities. If part-time work, indicate number of hours per week. Please use additional paper if you wish to list other prior jobs or internships that are related to the construction industry.

Dates _____

Firm's name _____

Type of Business (construction, retail, etc.) _____

Your duties _____

Skills or knowledge attained through this job _____

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, Cont.

Dates _____

Firm's name _____

Type of Business (construction, retail, etc.) _____

Your duties _____

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Have you been part of a job shadow or internship in the construction industry? YES NO

If yes, please provide the information requested below:

| COMPANY | CONTACT | PHONE NUMBER | DATES (FROM-TO) |
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ACADEMIC HISTORY

1. In chronological order, starting with high school, list all schools you have attended or are currently attending together with program pursued.

School & City:

Dates (From-To):

Type of Program:

Attach separate sheet(s) providing a chronological history of your activities if not continuously enrolled in school since high school graduation. History should begin immediately after high school graduation until the present time. Include specific month, year, and type of activity.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List extracurricular activities in which you have participated. Indicate elective offices you have held.

Student organizations _____

Community activities _____

Athletics _____

Other _____

What has been your most important extracurricular activity and your most important contribution to it?

What has your participation in it meant to you as an individual? _____

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OCCUPATIONAL INTERESTS

- a. What construction field interests you? _____

- b. Why are you interested in a career in the construction industry? _____

- c. Why do you feel that you are a good candidate to work in the construction industry? _____

- d. What events or series of events led you to this decision? What was the greatest influence?

- e. How does the field that you have chosen to pursue fit into the grand scheme of things within the construction industry? Why is it important enough to devote your life to it?

- f. Have you been the recipient of a Merit Shop Training & Research Center Scholarship in the past? If so, what year and for what amount?

- g. Where did you learn about this scholarship program?

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ACADEMIC FUTURE

Answer the following questions using only the space allotted.

h. Where do you plan to attend school in 2026-2027? _____

i. Which program or major do you intend to pursue? _____

j. What type of school is this? _____ 4-year college _____ 2-year college or trade school
How many credits will you be taking during the school year (all semesters)? _____

k. Why did you choose this particular school? _____

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

l. Why do you feel you need a financial scholarship?

m. What are your financial needs?

ESSAY: Please **write a short essay** (At least one page, but no more than two pages, typed, double spaced and in 12-point font) on why you are interested in a career in construction and how the merit shop and free enterprise philosophies will affect your career. ***Your understanding of these concepts as they relate to your career and the construction industry is an important factor in our consideration of scholarship applications.***

I agree that this application and all attachments may be used for the purpose of evaluation and selection of recipients of the Merit Shop Construction Scholarship. Further, I hereby waive any and all rights which I may have under 20 U.S.C.A. Section 1232 (g) or any other provision of law regarding disclosure of any personally identifiable information or confidential letters, recommendations or statements made by my past and present academic advisors, educators, educational institutions and employers. I have read and understood this waiver and acknowledge that execution of this waiver is not required for scholarship eligibility.

Signature _____ Date _____

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