

**2026-2027 Academic Year  
INSTRUCTIONS  
WOMEN IN THE TRADES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
**Applications are due no later than Friday, March 6, 2026**

The Traditions Bank Scholarship Program is sponsored by **Traditions Bank, A Division of ACNB Bank** and the **Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC)** and is administered by the **Merit Shop Training & Research Center**.

Two (2) scholarships, each for \$1,000, will be made available to eligible applicants.

Eligible Applicants are limited to:

1. Women seeking to further their education in careers in construction; and,
2. Women who are enrolling in a trade school, college or university program that is directly related to a construction career; and
3. Women who permanently reside in Adams, Lancaster or York County, Pennsylvania

Award recipients will be selected by a Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of Traditions Bank and ABC Keystone Chapter solely based on merit and without regard for the race, color, religion, national origin, or gender of applicants.

Individuals must submit all required forms and related materials on or before **Friday, March 6, 2026**, to be considered. This deadline includes all transcripts.

Direct all correspondence and questions to:

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Merit Shop Training & Research Center  
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Phone: 717-653-8106 | E-mail [terri@abckeystone.org](mailto:terri@abckeystone.org)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- o Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- o Applications considered after the deadline will not be considered.

The Center will not fund applications seeking funding towards graduate-level degrees.

**APPLICATION:**

1. Application shall be made on the form obtained from Traditions Bank offices and at the offices of the Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc. Applications may also be downloaded online via <http://www.abckeystone.org/scholarships>.
2. All items or information requested in the application, must be submitted to the Center.
  - a. Applicant must coordinate obtaining ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS from his/her current school or last school attended. Transcripts can be sent with the Application but the applicant is responsible for making certain the Center receives them.
  - b. Write an ESSAY describing an experience - on a jobsite, in the classroom, or in your community - that demonstrates your work ethic, leadership, or commitment to learning a

skilled trade. What did you learn from this experience, and how has it shaped your approach to a career in construction?

3. Application and attachments shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2026.
4. Email submissions OF THE APPLICATION AND ESSAY are allowable and should be sent to [terri@abckeystone.org](mailto:terri@abckeystone.org).
5. Transcripts must be sent in sealed envelopes directly from the education institution or university, or via a secure educational institution transfer process.
6. An interview may be required.

### **SCREENING AND AWARD**

1. Selection will be made by a Scholarship Selection Committee of Traditions Bank and ABC Keystone.
2. Selection will be made no later than June 15, 2026.
3. The scholarship funds will be forwarded directly to the recipient's educational institution upon receipt of a copy of the student's invoice showing a balance due from the educational institution for the 2026-2027 school term, and other information as designated by the Center.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Receipt of all completed applications will be acknowledged by the Center.
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