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and Scholarships**

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Engineering and STEM Scholarship Opportunities

The scholarships listed below are specifically for students studying engineering or STEM-related disciplines at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®). Students may also be eligible for other scholarships based on their background (e.g., veterans, first-generation students, graduates of certain high schools). Both the FAFSA and the Tri-C General Scholarship application must be completed to be considered for a scholarship award.

[Complete the application here.](#)

Claressa Collins Endowed Scholarship

Established by Tri-C alumna and instructor Claressa Collins, who believes that Tri-C students will make a difference in our community.

Criteria

- Minimum 3.5 GPA in major.
- Sophomore academic standing.
- Enrolled in computer studies and/or accounting courses.
- Award based on merit. Applicants not required to demonstrate financial need.

Engineering and Industrial Technologies Endowed Scholarship

Established in 1967 by GAR Foundation and the William Sopko and Sons Co. to honor the values of founders Galen and Ruth Roush. GAR Foundation's philanthropic efforts focus on education, health and social services, civic enhancement, the arts and nonprofit enhancement. Founded in 1952, William Sopko and Sons Co. has become a leading manufacturer of grinding accessories and a recognized specialist in repairing and rebuilding precision spindles of all types.

Criteria

- Minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Enrolled in an engineering/ industrial technology program (includes apprenticeship programs).

James Gilmore Memorial Scholarship

Established in honor of James Gilmore, a 27-year Media Center and Information Technology Services employee who served the College with loyalty and dedication until his unexpected passing in 2011.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Enrolled in IT courses.

E.W. Holmok and Charles H. Kinzig Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Established in memory of E.W. Holmok Jr. and Charles H. Kinzig.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Recent high school graduate.
- Preference given to students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.



Howmet Aerospace Foundation Endowed Scholarship

Established in recognition of Howmet Aerospace's partnership with Cuyahoga Community College.

Howmet Aerospace is a global leader in engineered metal products. Howmet's engines, fasteners and structures for aerospace and defense, as well as forged wheels, are transforming the aerospace and commercial transportation industries.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Preference given to students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

Information Technology Center of Excellence Scholarship

Established to support students studying information technology at Cuyahoga Community College.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Enrolled in an information technology program.

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MCPc Inc. Endowed Scholarship

Established to support students studying information technology at Cuyahoga Community College.

Headquartered in Cleveland, MCPc maintains practice areas in lifecycle management services for end user computing, virtual desktop services, device mobility solutions, IoT connected device management, technology-oriented supply chain logistics management, imaging and printing, and professional and managed services.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Pursuing a degree in information technology.
- Enrolled full time (at least 12 credits per semester).
- Demonstrated financial need.
- Preference given to women, minorities and veterans.

Medical Mutual Workforce Training Endowed Scholarship Fund

Established to support Tri-C students enrolled in training programs for high-demand fields while helping to build a more equitable workforce throughout Northeast Ohio.

A trusted insurer for more than 85 years, Medical Mutual is the oldest — and one of the largest — health insurance companies based in Ohio. The company provides peace of mind to more than 1.6 million Ohioans through its high-quality health, life, disability, dental, vision, indemnity and wellness plans. The company offers fully insured and self-funded group coverage, including stop loss, as well as Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement and individual plans.

Medical Mutual's status as a mutual company means it can operate for the benefit of its members without needing to meet the demands of stockholders or Wall Street analysts. Instead, the company focuses on developing products and services that allow it to better serve its customers and Ohio communities and help its members achieve their best possible health and quality of life. Learn more at medmutual.com.

Criteria

- Enrolled in a workforce certification program.
- Pursuing training in a high-demand field (i.e., information technology, manufacturing, public safety, transportation).
- Demonstrated financial need.
- Preference given to minority, low-income and/or first-generation students.



Meisel Family Endowed Scholarship

Established to support high-quality education and workforce training that empowers community members to secure rewarding careers. The Meisel Family Foundation is committed to enhancing lives through their support of education. This scholarship fund continues the Meisel family's legacy of contributing toward student success. Recipients are recognized as Meisel Foundation Scholars.

Criteria

- Minimum 3.0 GPA (for credit programs)
- Enrolled in an engineering, advanced manufacturing or information technology program.

NEORSD Richard N. Connelly Scholarship

Established in 2008 by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) in memory of longtime employee Richard N. Connelly. NEORSD employees and their immediate family are ineligible for this award. Recipients may have the opportunity to complete an internship with NEORSD. Recipients selected by a committee comprising representatives from NEORSD and Tri-C.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.8 GPA
- At least one semester of coursework completed.
- U.S. citizen residing within NEORSD service area.
- Enrolled in one of the following programs: Biology, Chemistry, Construction Engineering Technology, Earth Science, Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology, Environmental Health and Safety Technology, Integrated Systems Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Physical Science, Physics.
- Preference given to students majoring in Environmental Health and Safety Technology.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from Tri-C faculty.



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Oatey Company Endowed Scholarship

Established in recognition of Oatey Company's partnership with Cuyahoga Community College. Recipients are recognized as Oatey Scholars.

Since 1916, Oatey has provided reliable, high-quality products for the residential and commercial plumbing industries. Today, Oatey operates a comprehensive manufacturing and distribution network to supply more than 6,000 products for professional builders, contractors, engineers and do-it-yourself consumers around the world. They offer innovative plumbing solutions that deliver results the first time.

Criteria

- Preference given to students interning at Oatey or spouses domestic partners or children of Oatey employees.
- Priority given to those pursuing degrees/certification in business, construction, engineering, information technology, welding and/or manufacturing.
- Applicant must be in good standing.
- Enrolled for at least six credits per semester (or in a workforce training program leading to certification).
- If scholarship is not awarded by Dec. 1 of each year, eligible Tri-C students will be considered.
- One scholarship awarded per employee family.

Alfred Penko Endowed Scholarship

Established in memory of Alfred Penko, a 30-year professor of mechanical engineering at Tri-C who believed in the value of a good education. Recipients are selected by members of Tri-C's Engineering department and Financial Aid office.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Enrolled in an engineering technology program.
- Demonstrated financial need.

Richard and Lela Schier Memorial Scholarship

Established in honor of community philanthropists Richard and Lela Schier. Richard Schier was a proud graduate of West Tech high school and a WWII U.S. Navy veteran. The Schiers were strong believers in the value of education, particularly in the fields of economics and engineering.

Criteria

- Minimum 3.3 GPA.
- Enrolled in an engineering technology program.
- Demonstrated financial need.

Dr. Margaret and William Taber Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Established in honor of Margaret Taber, Ed.D., a pioneer for women in engineering who began her career at Tri-C in the 1960s. Earning master's and doctorate degrees during her tenure, she taught electrical/electronic engineering courses and served as department chair. Recipients are selected by members of Tri-C's Engineering department and Financial Aid office.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Enrolled in an engineering technology program.
- Demonstrated financial need.



WestFest Scholarship Fund

Established in 1991 with proceeds from WestFest, the 25th anniversary celebration of Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus. Since 2016, the fund has honored the campus' 25th and 50th anniversaries.

Criteria

- Pursuing a degree or certificate in math or science.
- Priority given to female and minority students.



Florence Wolters-Chew Women in Science Scholarship

Established in memory of Florence Wolters-Chew, Tri-C chemistry instructor and founder of the College's Women in Science and Technology program.

Criteria

- Minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Female student attending the Western Campus.
- Completed at least 10 hours of study in the sciences.