

Technical Education & Careers (TEC) Scholarships

NOTE: This report will be updated and re-distributed at the January WDB meeting.

Networks Northwest is the coordinating entity for a local group called the Collaborative Development Council (CDC). This group consists of all local economic development organizations, our Regional Planning program, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and other organizations that participate in community and economic development. MEDC has commissioned that each of the ten prosperity regions hold a CDC.

Every year, MEDC awards a grant to each CDC. Grant funds are to be used for a project that is agreed upon by the local CDC, and meets the priorities of the region. This year, the CDC's grant was used to fund postsecondary scholarships to students in Career Tech programs.

TEC Scholarships are a new opportunity for students who are currently enrolled in a career tech program to further their education and employment options. The scholarship provides funding for postsecondary training, connects students to local employers, and gives students the support they need to be successful.

The scholarship requires a blended learning approach, where classroom training is combined with on-the-job learning. Classroom training may consist of occupational, certificate, or degree programs, and must result in an industry-recognized credential. On-the-job learning may consist of internships, summer employment, work experience, or apprenticeships. The specific combination will be customized to each individual. All parties involved will help develop the training plan.

Northwest Michigan Works! Youth Advisors and Business Liaisons worked cooperatively with their local Career Tech program colleagues to develop an application and selection process. Awardees were selected based on their commitment to continuing education and employment in this region. Some students are already connected with an employer sponsor; others will be connected throughout the summer.

Scholarship amounts will be determined based on individual circumstances and leveraged with other financial assistance. Maximum scholarship is \$3,000, with an estimated average of \$2,500. Total amount of the grant is \$65,000 and the full amount is to be used for scholarships.

In addition to financial assistance, Northwest Michigan Works! Youth Advisors will continue to work with these students throughout their postsecondary training. Supportive services will be available when needed, as well as connections to mentors, community resources, and other supports.

Please see the following page for a summary of scholarships based on career tech program and ISD affiliation.

	Char-Em ISD	TBAISD	Wexford- Missaukee ISD	Totals
Agriscience		2		2
Automotive	2	1	1	4
Business/Finance	1		1	2
Construction		1	1	2
Culinary		1		1
Engineering/Manufacturing Tech	1	2	2	5
Electrical		1		1
Health	1	2	1	4
Hospitality			1	1
Information Technology		2		2
Retail/Marketing	1			1
Welding			1	1
Totals	6	12	8	26

The local district schools represented are as follows:

Kalkaska: 3
Traverse City West: 3
Alba: 1
Benzie: 1
Elk Rapids: 1
Northport: 1
Traverse City Central: 2
Homeschooled (Pine River district): 1
Cadillac: 2
Lake City: 3
Manton: 1
Brethren: 1
Harbor Springs: 1
Charlevoix: 2
East Jordan: 3