



Program Overview

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for this award, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be a high school senior, high school graduate, or have a GED equivalent.
- Be enrolled or plan to enroll in an **approved** trade-related program at an accredited two-year college, vocational, or technical school, or other approved technical institute in the United States. **Four-year degree or bachelor programs are not eligible.** [Click here](#) to review the approved trade-related programs. Scholarships will not be awarded for programs that have already completed.
- Be able to provide a current tuition bill or an official cost statement from your school that clearly outlines your individual costs for the upcoming academic year.
- Former scholarship recipients can apply for second-year funding.

What are the items I have to complete for the application?

The application is completed online. **New applicants** must:

1. **Sign the S.W.E.A.T. Pledge.** S.W.E.A.T. stands for "Skill & Work Ethic Aren't Taboo." To learn more about the S.W.E.A.T. Pledge, watch *Unpacking the S.W.E.A.T. Pledge* videos [HERE](#).
2. **Answer 4 short questions about the S.W.E.A.T. Pledge.**
3. **Make a 45-60 second video.**
4. **Have 2 solid references submit their recommendations. Recommendations will be completed online.** We only accept references from a boss, supervisor, teacher, or someone you have reported to. Anyone other than a boss, supervisor, or teacher are not eligible.
 - a. **Former work ethic scholarship recipients:** We only accept references from an instructor in your current program or a current boss. Any other references, other than a current instructors or bosses, are not eligible.
5. **Verify your college or vocational/technical school costs.** Submit a tuition bill or an official cost statement from your school that clearly outlines your individual costs for the upcoming academic year.
6. **Provide your high school or college transcript.** If this is your first year in your program, submit your high school transcript. We will accept unofficial transcripts from your school. **Unofficial transcripts must contain your complete name.**
 - a. **Former work ethic scholarship recipients:** You must send us your transcript from the prior year or semester in your current program. We will accept unofficial transcripts from your school.

What is the anticipated timeline for the 2026 Work Ethic Scholarship Program?

You can apply for this scholarship anytime between Monday, February 23, 2026, through Saturday, October 31, 2026.

When will scholarships be awarded?

We will award scholarships four times a year, based on when your application is submitted. Scholarships will not be awarded for programs that have already completed.

- **June 2026** - Apply by April 30, 2026
- **August 2026** - Apply by June 30, 2026
- **October 2026** - Apply August 30, 2026
- **December 2026** - Apply by October 31, 2026

When is the application deadline?

To be considered for a scholarship in 2026, you must apply by **October 31, 2026 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time Zone**.

Award Details

How will the application be evaluated?

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation and its Evaluation Committee will review the applications based on a rubric that considers:

- Approved program and school
- Strength of references, specifically from a boss, teacher, or supervisor
- Video content
- Short answer responses
- Financial need
- Completeness of the application
- Overall ability to demonstrate a solid work ethic
- Extra eligible references, if applicable

Decisions of the mikeroweWORKS Foundation and its Evaluation Committee are final and are not subject to appeal. No application feedback will be given.

What are the details of the award?

- The scholarships will be applied to tuition, book, and/or tool costs only required for course load at accredited two-year colleges and vocational/technical schools in the United States. Scholarships cannot be applied towards anything other than tuition, book, and/or tool costs, including, but not limited to, room and board, transportation, and any other cost of living expenses.
- Former applicants may reapply and complete another application as long as they disclose that they are former recipients, provide the reason for reapplying, and continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a recipient?

- You must continue the entire academic year without interruption unless approved by the mikeroweWORKS Foundation.
- If there are any changes to the information that you submitted with your application (for example, contact information, school or program information, or any other relevant information), you are responsible for notifying us of any such changes.
- You are required to give the mikeroweWORKS Foundation an update six months after receiving the award. We want to stay in touch and hear how your program is going.

Notifications

Who will send me notifications about my application?

Notifications are sent via email to the email address you used to create your account from 2 possible ISTS email addresses: donotreply@applyISTS.com and mikeroweWORKS@applyISTS.com. Add both of these email addresses to your "safe

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senders list” to ensure important emails are not sent to your spam or junk folder. All notifications can be viewed on the home page of your account dashboard.

The only emails you will receive from ISTS or mikeroweWORKS directly relate to your application or the Work Ethic Scholarship Program.

Can I opt out of notifications?

While you can opt out of notifications, this is not advised. It is your responsibility as the applicant to ensure your application is **Complete**. If you opt out of notifications, you will not receive deadline reminders or selection results. **Your information is never sold to any third party.**

Other Important Information

Is this award renewable?

No. However, prior recipients may reapply and complete another application as long as they disclose that they are former recipients, provide the reason for reapplying, and continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

Who administers this Program?

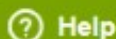
To maintain a high level of professionalism and security, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), a firm that specializes in managing sponsored scholarship, grant, tuition assistance, and tuition reimbursement programs.

Are scholarships taxable?

In the United States, scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition and textbooks are normally not taxable.

ISTS Help Portal and Contact Information

For more helpful information about scholarships plus answers to common inquiries related to ISTS’ technology and processes, visit our Self-Help Portal at ISTSprogramsupport.com. ISTS office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Central Time, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Central Time. Program Support Representatives are available via live chat and email during these hours. Use the green Help button (as shown below) at the bottom right corner of your screen to contact us.



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