



2025

# The Vincent Voccia Vocational Award

The Weller Foundation, Incorporated

## Overview

The purpose of this award is to provide financial assistance to students planning a career in the skilled trades.

## Award

Each participating school will be eligible for one\* award recipient to receive a grant equal to the lesser of **\$4,000 or 50% of the cost of tuition** and fees of the vocational-technical program proposed. Payment will be paid for the recipient's benefit directly to the institution giving the vocational program.

The first payment of \$1,750 will be paid on proof of enrollment and \$2,250 after receipt of an official transcript from the institution indicating satisfactory completion of the first half of the program and verification of continued enrollment for the second half of the program or in the case of four-year programs after completion of the first three years. In no case will more than two payments be made. The program must begin within nine months of the date the award is granted, or it shall be forfeited.

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\* If, for any reason, there is no eligible winner from a participating school(s), the Trustees, at their discretion, may select an alternate winner from the remaining schools.

## Eligibility

- Applicants must be full-time students at Masuk, Newtown, Trumbull, Joel Barlow, or Shelton High School when the award is made and must not be a relative of a Trustee of The Weller Foundation, Incorporated. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents. The applicant shall demonstrate interest and talent in his or her chosen field and must be able to satisfy the admission requirements of the school selected.
- There are no tests, quizzes, projects, or interviews to complete. Eligibility is established by submitting a properly completed application form on or before the due date.
- Financial need will not be a factor in determining the award recipient.

## Applications

Students should submit their application to their school representative/Weller Liaison for approval and signature. **The Foundation must receive applications by Thursday, March 6, 2025.**

- All applications must be returned to the Foundation. A committee of Foundation Trustees will select award recipients.
- A minimum of three qualified applications from your high school will ensure the award recipient is granted. If fewer than three qualified applications are received, any award granted will be at the discretion of the Foundation.

## Award Recipients

The award recipients will be announced on or about **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**.

## Requirements

The institution selected shall possess whatever accreditations/approvals/licenses are necessary to ensure the student receives a meaningful training program.

To be acceptable, the program shall provide a minimum of twenty weeks of full-time (or equivalent) instruction and be in one of the following fields:

- Auto/Truck Maintenance
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
- Barbering/Hairdressing
- Culinary Arts
- Carpentry
- Electrical or Electronic Technicians
- Masonry
- Manufacturing Trades
- Machine, Design (CAD)
- Plumbing and Fitting
- Photography
- Secretarial

Correspondence school courses are not acceptable under this program.

Applicants in non-listed fields must obtain the Foundation's approval before applying for this award program.

The decision of the Foundation regarding program eligibility and award recipient will be final.

## Progress Reports

The institution will be requested to verify the recipient's program and tuition. The student will be required to submit to the Foundation copies of the bills that will be used to determine the final payment. The institution will be required to submit an official transcript verifying the student's satisfactory completion of the first half of the award program (or, in the case of a four-year program, after the first three years) and verification of continued enrollment for the second half of the program.

*The Trustees reserve the right to exercise their discretion on all matters.*

## 2025 APPLICATION FORM

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**Submission deadline:** **March 6, 2025**

Complete the application using this fillable pdf form. Save and print your completed application to submit to your school representative.

*(Please TYPE or PRINT all data in black ink.)*

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

### Proposed Program Details

Future School Name:: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of anticipated future program (sas shown in the school's catalog): \_\_\_\_\_

Length of program: \_\_\_\_\_ Begins: \_\_\_\_\_ Ends \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time: \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time: \_\_\_\_\_ Evenings \_\_\_\_\_

## Education Expenses

Do NOT include lodging, meals, or commute expenses:

Program year:	<u>YEAR 1</u>	<u>YEAR 2</u>	<u>YEAR 3</u>	<u>YEAR 4</u>
Tuition (Your cost):	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Books:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (please add any fees below):				
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Award after program completion:

Certificate/Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: : \_\_\_\_\_

Program application deadline (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied:    Yes    No            Have you been accepted:    Yes    No

What are the admission requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Information

1. Why do you want to participate in this program?

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2. List related courses (with grades) you have or are now taking:

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3. School activities and offices:

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4. Hobbies and other interests:

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5. Identify any current jobs(s):

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6. Describe any other verifiable work experience in your chosen field of study:

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7. References: If you wish to include written references, attach them to this application and identify the attachments below.

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**Statement:**

1. I am not related to any Trustee of The Weller Foundation, Incorporated.
2. I am currently enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ High School.

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*Student Signature*

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*Date*

**RECEIVED BY SCHOOL REP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE RECEIVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment: Student's Transcript