



SKILLED TRADE CAREER PATHS require manual work but are far above the level of simple labor and construction. The work involves constant, careful practice, and deep learning. Skilled trades play **IMPORTANT ROLES** in our economy and society, touching nearly every aspect of our lives from the homes we live in, to the cars we drive, to the food we eat and making these jobs **HIGH IN DEMAND**. The skilled trades offer something for everyone and provide people with the **SKILLS TO WORK AND EARN** meaningful wages nearly anywhere in the world. Skilled trades professionals are **RESPECTED** for their ability to adapt, problem solve, and provide practical services. The key to **JOB SATISFACTION** for the tradesman is identifying a problem, finding a solution, and seeing it through to completion. Truly, the hand is an extension of the brain; together they create **PASSION FOR A JOB WELL DONE** in the skilled trades.

- ***Find a way to use your skills, no matter what those skills are, and you'll be passionate about your work.*** –Jeremy Anderberg

***Materials submitted must arrive in one package by the established deadline. Materials submitted separately will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be accepted, nor will any materials be returned.

A Message from the Branch Family . . .

Not all roads to success include College Avenue or University Boulevard. Sometimes it takes you down a long dirt road or a highway to the city. Maybe it's learned in a big brick building or from the comfort of home. The majority of people use the roads, live in the homes, drive the vehicles, use the appliances, and don't think twice about it. But the few are the ones who form the roads, build the homes, construct the vehicles, and fix the appliances. These are the ones we want to recognize, the men and women who go to trade school, start an apprenticeship, or work and learn on the job. We understand the importance of these careers and how they make the world go round.

Troy Branch was a carpenter since he was 17 years old, straight out of high school. He built hundreds of homes and left his mark in each home he built. He took pride in his work and loved driving by places he helped build, showing his family and friends. Not only was he a carpenter for 24 years, he was also a huge outdoorsman. He had a passion for hunting, fishing, and sports such as golf, baseball, football, and basketball. Troy was given a special talent and pursued it throughout his whole adult life.

We want to help young people who want to pursue their special talents. We know each trade demands having the right tools and necessary skills to get the job done. Whether you're a future carpenter, mechanic, plumber, or electrician, you need to invest in tools and learning skills for your future trade. The Branch family is offering \$1,000 to go towards training and/or tools in memory of Troy Branch.

- ***“All the tools, techniques, and technology in the world are nothing without the head, heart, and hands to use them wisely, kindly, and mindfully.”***
--Rasheed Ogunlaru



***Troy and his lovely
daughter, Addison.***

The Troy Branch Skilled Trades Award Guidelines

The Skilled Trades Award: \$1000.00 one-time scholarship for selected recipient

Desired Traits of Candidates:

- ✂ Displays personal ambition and strengths that support independent learning.
- ✂ Demonstrates a will to work, the tendency to establish good habits, and the practice of using time wisely.
- ✂ Indicates skill in problem solving, troubleshooting, manual dexterity. applying learned information, and following trends in technical areas.
- ✂ Shows ability to communicate with people and an interest in serving customers.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✂ Students graduating in the current school year.
- ✂ Students pursuing the skilled trades by any of these means:
 - Entering a trade school or training program.
 - Becoming an apprentice in a trade.
 - Seeking full-time employment in a trade.
 - Starting a trade oriented personal business.
 - Actively working toward licensing in a trade.

Scholarship Submissions:

- ✂ Complete the student application.
- ✂ Submit references.

Award Announcement:

The recipient of the Troy Branch Skilled Trades Award will be announced at the Webberville High School Academic Awards Night.

Disbursement of the award will be made directly to the recipient upon receiving proof of course schedule or tuition, living expenses incurred during full-time training, business startup expenses, purchase of professional tools, or acquiring professional licensing.

- *Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it." --Steve Jobs*

The Troy Branch Skilled Trades Award Application

➤ *“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.”*
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Part One: Tell us about yourself by explaining how these statements describe you and the things you do.

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✕ Demonstrates a will to work, the tendency to establish good habits, and the practice of using time wisely.

✕ Indicates skill in problem solving, troubleshooting, manual dexterity, applying learned information, and following trends in technical areas.

✕ Shows ability to communicate with people and an interest in serving customers.

➤ *“We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained” --Marie Curie*

Part Three: How do you know that this is a good path for you to follow? What about it motivates you? Why is it important to you?

Part Two: You are on the edge of launching yourself into life. Describe for us what your first steps will be. How will they take you toward your goal of working in the skilled trades?

Part Four: Tell us what your life will be like five years from now. Where will you be? What will you be doing?

Part Five: Look further down the road. What are your biggest, brightest, wildest dreams?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Once your application is complete, provide three (3) references, which should include at least one personal reference and one work reference. The people you select should be 18 years of age or older and should not be family members. Provide each with a recommendation form. The completed form should be submitted by the references directly to the counselor.

APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION

I certify that all statements contained herein are true and made in good faith. I understand that I am waiving the right for my parents and I to review the information provided by my references. I understand that the selection of scholarship winners and the determination of the amount of the scholarship will be administered by the Branch Family Scholarship Group.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

I authorize the release of this information _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

PRINCIPAL/COUNSELOR AUTHORIZATION

Name _____ Date _____

I have reviewed the application and certify that the information is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

The Branch Family Scholarship Group does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, or disabilities as defined by law or any other legally protected status.

Troy Branch Skilled Trades Award Recommendation

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of Reference _____

Position or Title _____

Relationship or Association with Student _____

Evaluate how strongly the statements below describe this student:

- 1- Not strongly
- 2- Somewhat strongly
- 3- Very strongly
- 4- Exceptionally strongly
- 5- Evaluating the trait is not applicable in your situation

Whenever possible, please comment regarding specific details and examples.

| Displays personal ambition and strengths that support independent learning. | | | | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NA |
| Comments: | | | | |

| Demonstrates a will to work, the tendency to establish good habits, and the practice of using time wisely. | | | | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NA |
| Comments: | | | | |

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| Indicates skill in problem solving, troubleshooting, manual dexterity, applying learned information, and following trends in technical areas. | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NA |
| Comments: | | | | |

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| Shows ability to communicate with people and an interest in serving customers. | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NA |
| Comments: | | | | |

OPTIONAL:

Use this space or an attached sheet to discuss other aspects of the student's character that you think make him/her a fit and deserving candidate for The Troy Branch Skilled Trades Award.