

DEWALT Awards Scholarships to Fund Trade Education

- *Cost of trade school is a key barrier for nearly half of pre-apprentices joining the trades, according to a recent [DEWALT survey](#)*
- *Scholarships will help fund trade education in fields including carpentry, welding and more*

TOWSON, Md., May 28, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- According to a recent survey from DEWALT, a Stanley Black & Decker (NYSE: SWK) brand and leader in total jobsite solutions, almost one-half of pre-apprentices are concerned with the cost of school. To help students on their journey in the skilled trades, DEWALT today is announcing the recipients of its 2025 DEWALT Trades Scholarship, a program that supports trade education in fields ranging from electrical to carpentry. This year, the program awarded \$190,000 in scholarships to 38 students across the U.S. and Canada.

The 2025-2026 scholarship recipients represent future tradespeople who will fill critical roles in the industry. The students reside in 24 states and three provinces in Canada and are pursuing 12 different trade careers including electrical, carpentry, construction, HVAC, and welding.

"For more than a century, DEWALT has been committed to supporting the trades," said James Oh, President and General Manager of DEWALT. "As the need for skilled labor continues to rise*, we are helping empower the next generation of tradespeople with the resources they need to become leaders on the jobsite. Whether you're just graduating high school or changing careers to join the trades, DEWALT is committed to supporting you on your journey."

The annual scholarship program is part of DEWALT's Grow the Trades initiative, a \$30 million commitment over five years to close the skilled trades gap in the U.S. To date, DEWALT has awarded nearly \$20 million in scholarships, grants, tools and other resources for trades training.

2025 DEWALT Scholar Spotlights:

Robert Mendez

Robert Mendez is an aspiring diesel technician from Saint Augustine, Florida who decided to leave his corporate career behind for a fulfilling future in the trades. "I am contributing to industries that make a real-world difference in everyday people's lives - like logistics, farming, construction, and more," said Mendez.

Gretta Vieths

After years of working desk jobs, Gretta Vieths chose to change her career path and pursue electrical construction and maintenance at the Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount, Minnesota. "I feel like I am regaining a new purpose in life and rediscovering my mental and physical potential," said Vieths. "The decision to switch careers to a construction trade has been empowering, and has allowed me to see a future full of opportunities that will broaden my perspective on life and expand my capability horizons. Learning a skill that's in high demand makes me optimistic that I'll never feel 'stuck' in my career field."

Julian Simmons

Julian Simmons is simultaneously working as a part-time HVAC technician and studying HVAC and Refrigeration at the Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, North Carolina. He hopes to assume a leadership role in the company one day and eventually own his own HVAC business. "Earning my degree in HVAC opens the door to a rewarding career with strong job security, hands-on work, and the opportunity to make a tangible difference in people's daily lives," said Simmons. "It also provides a fast track to stable and lucrative income without the burden of student debt."

Haley Debum

Haley Debum's passion for cars led her to her study of automotive technology at the Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colorado. When she's not learning about cars at school, she's putting her skills to practice at the car dealership where she works. "Choosing a career in the trades has empowered me to break gender stereotypes, gain hands-on experience, and build confidence for when I continue my future in automotive technology," said Debum. "Earning the DEWALT Trades Scholarship not only fuels my passion but also reinforces the importance of skilled trades in our world and shows the incredible support I have by my side that motivates me even more."

To learn more about DEWALT's Grow the Trades initiative, visit: www.dewalt.com/growthetrades.

*<https://www.mckinsey.com/capabilities/people-and-organizational-performance/our-insights/tradespeople-wanted-the-need-for-critical-trade-skills-in-the-us>

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