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Arkansas Trucking Association announces new scholarship for Arkansas technician students

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. - Arkansas Trucking Association is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for a new scholarship opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career as a medium and heavy duty truck technician. ATA has established the Carl Tapp Memorial Scholarship Fund to encourage growth in the state's technician workforce and to help assure that the safest, most knowledgeable and skilled technicians are working on the trucks and trailers on our nation's roads.

Applicants must be graduating seniors from accredited high schools. Two scholarships for up to \$7,500 will be awarded for students attending a two-semester (30-hour minimum) medium and heavy duty truck technician program at an Arkansas institution.

"The industry needs a well-educated cohort of new technicians under the hoods and over the motherboards of increasingly technological trucks and trailers," said Shannon Newton, ATA president. "We are eager to ease the financial burden for students with technical aptitude who want to be part of our industry and a part of the future of transportation."

In 2016, ATA's Maintenance & Technology Council Committee formed the Technician Curriculum Advisory Committee to partner with educational institutions around the state to help shape programs that will provide a skilled labor force now and into the future.

The Advisory Committee formed the Carl Tapp Memorial Scholarship Fund to encourage young bright minds to pursue a path to success as technicians in the trucking industry. The scholarship is named for the late Carl Tapp, the Council's first chairman, who was known for recognizing and empowering talent in the next generation of technicians.

"Carl meant so much to the industry and touched so many lives. By supporting technician students financially, we hope to honor his passion for recognizing and encouraging new talent in the field to make the workforce stronger and more sustainable," said Tapp's colleague Kenneth Calhoun, fleet optimization manager at Altec.

Applications will be accepted through March 16, 2018, and ATA plans to name recipients by May 1 for students beginning coursework in August 2018 or January 2019, based on individual program requirements. Contact Sarah Sheets (sarahsheets@arkansastrucking.com) for more information about the Scholarship Fund, and find the application at www.arkansastrucking.com/tech-scholarship.

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The Arkansas Trucking Association (ATA) is a statewide business league comprised of approximately 300 trucking companies and service companies to serve as the political and public relations arm of the trucking industry. The ATA has continuously served the Arkansas trucking industry in this capacity since its incorporation in 1932.



CARL TAPP MEMORIAL TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 2018

Have a hand in the future.

Arkansas Trucking Association is awarding **two \$7,500 scholarships** for graduating high school seniors who will be attending a truck technician medium and heavy duty program at an Arkansas Institution.

Technicians are responsible for ensuring the machines that move our economy are safe, efficient, and dependable. Truck technicians inspect, diagnose and perform routine maintenance and repair of any equipment with a hybrid, electric, LNG, CNG or diesel engine. The industry is facing a shortage of technicians, and unlike some careers, this is not a job that can be exported overseas.

If you're considering a technical career in maintaining the trucks and trailers of the future, visit www.arkansastrucking.com/tech-scholarship for more information.

Deadline: March 16, 2018





TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Dear Applicant:

We welcome your decision to apply for the Arkansas Trucking Association Carl Tapp Technician Scholarship.

Please take a few minutes to review the guidelines below before beginning the application.

You are the one responsible for assuring the application is completed and submitted on time. Completed scholarship application packages must be received by the ATA office by March 16, 2018. This is a tremendous opportunity to further your education through your own efforts with a small investment of your time. Recipients will be notified by May 1, 2018.

GUIDELINES

Please read carefully before completing application.

To be considered for the scholarship:

1. You must be graduating from an accredited vocational, public, private, or parochial high school.
2. It is necessary for you or an official from your high school to send ATA your official high school transcript showing your most recent three years' academic performance.
3. Your application must be received by the ATA office by March 16, 2018. Awards will be announced by May 1, 2018.
4. Scholarship is awarded towards a two semester (30 hour minimum) diesel program from a school that is within the state of Arkansas. Students may begin their course of study in either August or January based on individual program requirements.
5. Before the scholarship is actually awarded, ATA must verify your acceptance from the chosen school.
6. There are two sections of the application. The first section is for officials from your high school (teachers, counselors, principals, and coaches) to provide information about you. You may make multiple copies of this section and request more than one school official who knows you well to complete the forms. The second section is to be completed by you and your parent/guardian (if you are under 18).

We look forward to receiving your application!



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**TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

LAST NAME OF APPLICANT

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

I authorize my high school to release my school records and other requested information for consideration in the ATA Technician Scholarship Program.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE (if under 18)

DATE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL

The student named above is an applicant for an ATA Technician Scholarship. To process the application, we need the following information completed by a school official who knows the student well. We also need an official TRANSCRIPT of the student's secondary school record.

You may mail this form directly to the ATA Technician Scholarship Program at the above address or return the form to the applicant.

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL

NAME OF SCHOOL				PHONE	
STREET ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
GRADES TAUGHT	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	12TH GRADE ENROLLMENT	GRADING SYSTEM (E.G. GRADING SCALE 4.0 OR 5.0: OTHER?)		
Does the school offer advanced placement courses, honor courses, or special vocational preparatory courses? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, briefly describe your program (e.g. courses in vocation only? Humanities only? Both? Other?):					
Are students given a different grade weighting for college preparatory, honor, or vocational courses? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Applicant's GPA as of date _____ BASED ON _____ SEMESTERS OR _____ QUARTERS			How long have you known this applicant? _____ YEARS _____ MONTHS		
Are you confident this applicant will graduate during the academic year? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no, please explain					

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL
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Please summarize evaluations of the applicant.	N/A	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	TOP 20%	TOP 10%	TOP 1%
PARTICIPATION IN CLASS						
PURSUIT OF INDEPENDENT STUDY						
LEADERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS						
PERFORMANCE IN VOCATIONAL COURSES						
Describe any unusual circumstances which might favorably or unfavorably affect the applicant's adjustment to vocational school. 						
Cite specific examples of leadership demonstrated by this applicant. 						
List specific talents where this applicant has shown outstanding ability (e.g. vocational, etc.). 						
I have attached a copy of the applicant's official transcript <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If your school offers special vocational courses, were they available to this applicant? Please provide any relevant comments, if applicable, regarding this applicant's performance in vocational courses or advanced placement courses. Please provide information concerning non-standard grading or comparison of difficulty of vocational courses vs. basic courses. 						
YOUR NAME (PLEASE PRINT)				TITLE		
EMAIL ADDRESS						
SIGNATURE				DATE		

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