

# STEP Scholarship Application

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## General Eligibility for all scholarship applicants:

- Must have attended STEP
- Must be a 2020 high school graduate
- Must have made application to college before applying for scholarship
- Must register for at least 12 credits at an accredited college/university/technical institute

## Scholarships:

Student should put an “X” next to the scholarships for which eligible. You may select more than one scholarship, but only one scholarship will be awarded per student.

\_\_\_\_\_ **STEP “Career Pathways” Scholarship, Sponsored by Ginny Karbowski**  
*Available to all STEP Students*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kopp Foundation Scholarships**  
*Available to all STEP Students*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Connexus Energy Scholarships**  
*Student’s parents must be members of Connexus Energy*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Coon Rapids STEP Scholarship**  
*Coon Rapids Students who have attended STEP*

## Anoka Technical College Scholarships:

These scholarships are provided by the Anoka Technical College Foundation Scholarship Program and require you to also fill out an online application. Here is the direct link: [ATC Scholarship](#).

\_\_\_\_\_ **STEP Getting Started Scholarship**  
*Anoka Technical College Welding and Machine Trades only*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Caterpillar Global Paving Products Scholarships**  
*Anoka Technical College Welding and Machine Trades only*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ramsey Lions Club Scholarships**  
*Anoka Technical College and Ramsey Residents only*

**Scholarship Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending Next Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Program/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION AND PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION**

- I hereby certify that all information submitted on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting nonfactual information will automatically disqualify me from any consideration for a scholarship.
- By submitting this application, I authorize Anoka Technical College and STEP to make information concerning my academic and financial aid record available to the Anoka Technical College Foundation.
- If named a recipient, I grant the ATC Foundation permission to release any information listed in this application to the media/donor. I also agree to thank the donor of this scholarship and attend a donor luncheon.

**Applicant’s signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP Instructor providing a Recommendation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Goals and Financial Need Essay:**

Please complete a short essay that addresses your goals and your need for financial assistance on a separate word document and attach it to this application.

1. **Goals:** What are your educational and career goals?
2. **Effort:** What have you done to prepare yourself to reach these goals?
3. **Financial Need:** Describe your financial need and/or special obstacles and challenges.
4. **Benefits:** State why and how this scholarship will help you overcome them.

Factors to be considered by the STEP Scholarship Awards Team (see attached rubric):

- Scholastic Achievement: Consideration is given to an applicant’s cumulative GPA earned in STEP career courses and the number of courses taken
- Goals: Clearly stated education and career goals
- Financial Needs: Financial need and special obstacles and challenges
- Appearance of the Application and Essay: An application that is completed neatly and an essay that thoroughly addresses your goals and financial need will improve your likelihood of selection.
- Instructor Recommendation: Recommendation from a STEP career course instructor

**Students:**

Complete the application and email it and your attached Goals and Financial Need Essay to ([bill.voigt@ahschools.us](mailto:bill.voigt@ahschools.us))

Ask your instructor to complete the Instructor Recommendation.

**STEP Scholarship Rubric**  
*Use this Rubric as a guide when writing your essay*

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
<b>Education and Career Goals</b>	Student has clear and attainable educational goals and a well-established career plan. Student has planned out appropriate pathways to accomplish these goals. The student has decided on the college to attend. (There are 4-5 supporting sentences)	Student has a defined educational goal but has not identified a specific plan to accomplish such goals. Student may be somewhat unsure of how to accomplish goals. The student has determined the college choice he/she is planning to attend. (There are 3-4 supporting sentences)	The student has thought somewhat about a goal but has not identified a major career goal. Student has multiple goals or ideas and is disorganized about how to accomplish goals. The student has not yet determined the college he/she plans on attending. (There are 2-3 supporting sentences)	The student has not identified a specific career goal. The student has not applied at the college he/she is thinking about attending.
<b>Financial Need/Special Circumstances and Benefits</b>	The student has demonstrated financial need or has special circumstances explained in detail. Benefits of receiving the Scholarship are explained. (There are 4-5 supporting sentences)	The student has demonstrated financial need or has special circumstances but has explained them only briefly. Benefits of receiving the Scholarship are explained. (There are 3-4 supporting sentences)	The student states that he/she has special circumstances or financial need, but supporting details are not well-constructed. No details and/or examples are given. (There are 2-3 supporting sentences)	The student failed to discuss financial need or special circumstances. Information has little or nothing to do with the main topic.
<b>Appearance of Application and Essay</b>	Application is neat and essay is word processed; easy to read with no errors.	Application is neat and essay is word processed; easy to read with 2 or fewer grammatical errors.	Application is neat and essay is word processed with 3 or more grammatical errors.	Application is disorganized, essay could be handwritten and has 3 or more grammatical errors.