



Post-Secondary Education

PLANNING FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Education is the key to success!

The DeWitt Chamber Foundation with the support of the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce offers two scholarship programs for students living in or attending high school in Clinton County. These two programs focus on two industries: Skilled Trades and Health Care.

Over the last several years our society has experienced a shortage of qualified, skilled, and compassionate medical professionals. The Chamber Foundation would like to encourage students to seek careers in the Health Care Industry by offering scholarships to assist with costs.

The Chamber Foundation also supports the Skilled Trades Industry. Like Health Care, skilled trades are lacking qualified professionals. For years our society has overlooked the importance of an electrician, plumber, auto mechanic, along with so many other professionals who help keep our homes warm, water running, lights on, and vehicles operating. These are definitely the hidden heroes of our society who are on the poles after severe storms restoring power to our homes and businesses, repairing furnaces when we wake up with no heat, or repair our vehicles to keep us mobile. Like medical professionals who work hard to care for us, skilled trades people work hard to provide the life comforts we have come to enjoy.

If you have a desire to seek a career in the Health Care Field or the Skilled Trades Industry, the DeWitt Chamber Foundation invites you to apply for one of our scholarships. Each program offers \$1,000 scholarships to Clinton County graduating seniors.

Application Deadline is April 1, 2026 with no exceptions. Applications for both programs can be found by visiting the Chamber's Website at or you can request an application via email by contacting the Chamber office at <https://dewittareacc.org/>

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The DeWitt Chamber Foundation is a non-profit 501 C3 charitable organization created to enhance the Quality of Life throughout the communities we serve.

Eligibility Requirements

- **Reside in Clinton County or graduating from a Clinton County School in 2026**
- **Have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and**
- **Be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited program offering a Certificate of Completion, Associate's Degree, or Bachelor's Degree in a Skilled Trades or a Health Care Program located in the State of Michigan.**

The applicant must use the scholarship awarded to attend a post-secondary institution of learning that requires a high school diploma for admission. This could include any public or private four-year accredited college or university; two-year accredited college; or vocational technical college or training institution in the State of Michigan.



DeWitt Chamber Foundation Scholarship Eligibility Requirements 2026

Post-Secondary Education can be expensive; however, it is so important in pursuing a successful future. The DeWitt Chamber Foundation would like to help graduating seniors living in Clinton County obtain their goals by providing \$1,000 scholarships to those seeking careers in the Health Care or Skilled Trades Industries.

DETAILED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS DETAILS

To be eligible Applicants must:

- Reside in Clinton County or be a graduate of a Clinton County High School in 2026.
- Have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and
- Be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited program offering a Certificate of Completion, Associate's Degree, or Bachelor's Degree in a Skilled Trades or Health Care Program.

Educational Institution Requirements

The applicant must use the scholarship awarded to attend a post-secondary institution of learning that requires a high school diploma for admission. This could include any public or private four-year accredited college or university; two-year accredited college; or vocational/technical college or training institution located in the State of Michigan.

Application Criteria and Supporting Materials Required

1. Completed and signed application form
2. An official copy of the applicant's transcript and grade report from their High School
3. At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher in support of the applicant's application. Additional letters from the school administrator, counselor, or employment supervisor may also be provided in support of the application although they are not required. Do not send letters of recommendation from immediate family members, close family friends, or relatives, they will not be considered and application could be denied
4. A typewritten statement of at least 200 words prepared and signed by the applicant which explains his/her reasons for wanting to pursue a career in the chosen field of study. AI generated letters will not be considered. We want to know about you, where is your passion and what are your goals. This can only come from you, not from artificial intelligence.

Payment of Scholarship Proceeds

The student (s) selected to receive a scholarship will be awarded a Certificate of **Eligibility at the Student Awards Program with financial payment made payable to the student once proof of enrollment from the school of choice has been received by the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce.**

DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce
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**Please return your completed application
and supporting documents
to the DeWitt Chamber Office.**



DeWitt Chamber Foundation 2026 Scholarship Application

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION AND RETURN TO THE DEWITT CHAMBER OFFICE BY APRIL 1, 2026

Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone (_____) _____

Career Desired _____

Trade School or College you plan to attend

Are you currently or have you previously worked in this field? Yes No

If the answer is yes, please provide the following information:

Company Name _____

Supervisor _____

Phone _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

By signing this application, you are stating that you are the author of the essay submitted and the material is not copied in any manner. You are also giving DACC permission to use your name and/or photograph in any and all marketing materials.

Parent/Guardian signature if application under the age of 18.

_____ Date _____

Documents to be included with application:

- Student Essay
- Letter of support from at least one teacher
- Student Transcript

Application Deadline is April 1, 2026

Application and all supporting documents must be mailed or delivered to:

DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce

1120 Commerce Park Drive, Suite A, DeWitt 48820

Scholarship Award winner will be announced at High School Awards Program