

2026 Lanford Family Transportation Construction Worker

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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who died while working to
provide safer and more efficient
transportation systems.

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Purpose

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association Transportation Development Foundation (ARTBA-TDF) "Lanford Family Transportation Construction Worker Memorial Scholarship Program" provides financial assistance to help the sons, daughters or legally adopted children of transportation construction industry workers killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty pursue post- high school education. Scholarships are awarded annually. The scholarship program was launched in October 1999 through a generous gift from the families of past ARTBA chairmen Jack (1991) and Stan (1999) Lanford of Roanoke, Virginia. It was expanded and renamed in summer 2023. Today, it is supported by contributions from highway construction industry executives and firms, state transportation groups, and labor organizations.

Eligibility

Eligibility for the scholarship is limited to the sons, daughters or legally adopted children of transportation construction industry workers who die or have become permanently disabled in roadway work zone accidents. The applicant's parent must have been employed by a transportation construction firm or a transportation public agency at the time of his or her death or disabling injury. Students whose parents worked in these sectors are eligible:

1. Airports
2. Bridges
3. Highways
4. Marine
5. Ports and Waterways
6. Public Transit
7. Railroads
8. Roadways
9. Tunnels
10. Utility

Educational Institution Requirements

The applicant must use the scholarship award to attend a post secondary institution of learning that requires a high school diploma or Graduate Equivalent Degree (G.E.D.) for admission. This could include any public or private: (a) four-year accredited college or university; (b) two-year accredited college; or (c) vocational technical college or training institution.

Amount of Scholarship

More than \$750,000 in financial aid has been awarded to worthy students from around the country since inception of the Lanford Family Transportation Construction Worker Memorial Scholarship fund. **The scholarships, which are competitive, have a value of up to \$10,000.**

Scholarship Award Disbursement

The scholarship award year is defined as August 1 through July 31 of the following year.

An application packet must be submitted annually for consideration.

Scholarship award money will be deposited by the ARTBA-TDF with the university, college or institution of higher learning to which the student is admitted, accepted and will attend.

The award money is credited to an account that is established in the individual's name at the school. It can be drawn by the recipient for: (a) fees or charges required for tuition; (b) expenses for text books, course work, lab fees and other materials as required by a course instructor (e.g., goggles, art/drawing supplies, etc.) for required course assignments or projects; and (c) fees or charges for room and board while attending school.

Scholarship awards are not transferable to another individual or institution and are forfeited by the recipient upon withdrawal from the institution where the scholarship award was disbursed by the ARTBA-TDF, or upon failure to meet the institution's appropriate standards of academic achievement, conduct, or character.

If the recipient is diagnosed post-award by a board certified medical physician as having a chronic or acute illness or traumatic injury that makes it impossible for the recipient to enter or continue his or her academic studies, the scholarship award money will be held for the recipient's academic use by the ARTBA-TDF for up to 12 months. A letter from the physician to the ARTBA-TDF must be received within 60 days of diagnosis.

In the event a scholarship recipient's educational endeavors are interrupted during the scholarship award year because he or she is called to active duty under Title 10 of the United States Code or National Guard Duty in State Status, the scholarship award money will be held for the recipient by the ARTBA-TDF for up to 24 months, unless the time for active duty is extended by the military authority.

Any scholarship award recipient leaving the U.S. Armed Services or National Guard duty must reapply for reinstatement of the scholarship moneys or the remaining portion of scholarship moneys within 90 days after severance from duty.

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Application Criteria and Supporting Materials

All applications must be submitted online and include the following information: **Applications that do not provide all of the following information will not be considered.**

1. A completed and signed online application form.
2. An official copy of the applicant's transcript and grade report from the school currently attended or most recently attended. A minimum, cumulative academic performance of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is required for consideration.
3. At least two letters of recommendation from teachers in support of the candidate's application. Additional letters from a school administrator, counselor, clergy, work or military supervisor, who can address the qualifications and academic aptitude of the applicant, may also be submitted in support of the candidate, although they are not necessary for consideration. Do not send letters of recommendation from immediate family members, close family friends, blood relatives, or relatives by marriage.
4. Proof of parent's death in line of duty. (This may be a newspaper clipping with a date the article appeared, a letter from the deceased parent's former employer, etc.)
5. If parent is permanently incapacitated, submit appropriate documentation, including, but not limited to, a physician certification form stating that the injury was directly related to on-duty job-site injury or documentation from the Social Security Administration disability insurance program. It must show that the disability was work-related, along with a statement of injury from the employer.
6. Proof of guardianship if not living with surviving parent.
7. A typewritten statement, no longer than 200 words, prepared by the applicant that explains his/her reasons for wanting to continue his/her education. For previous scholarship recipients, please provide a reflection on how the scholarship has affected you and your family, and your future educational goals. The personal statement must be updated every application year.
8. A recent high resolution photo of the applicant. Electronic photos are preferred. Files must be 300 dpi or higher and in full-color JPEG, TIFF, or PDF format of less than 10MB. Hard copy photographs are also acceptable, but will not be returned.

9. A completed and signed "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) forms for the current year. The FAFSA can be obtained at school guidance offices or via the Internet at fafsa.ed.gov.
10. Applicant must provide a copy of his/her most current year's federal tax return and a copy of parent's most current year federal tax return.
11. A copy of the acceptance letter from the college, university, technical school, etc. where the applicant plans to attend.
12. A statement providing the approximate cost of annual tuition and room and board to attend school where scholarship will be applied.

Disclosures

By applying for the ARTBA-TDF "Lanford Family Transportation Construction Worker Memorial Scholarship" and providing copies of a personal statement and photograph, the applicant thereby grants permission for ARTBA-TDF to use the statement and photographs for scholarship-related publicity and promotional purposes.

Application Due Date

Applications must be submitted online by **April 3, 2026**. All applications and supporting materials will become the property of the ARTBA-TDF.

Scholarship Selection & Notification

The ARTBA-TDF Trustees selects the scholarship recipients. Scholarship awards will be made on or before May 31. All applicants will be notified of the results of the Selection Committee in writing.

Additional Information

Contact ARTBA's Carrie Halpern at 202.683.1019 or at chalpern@artba.org.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE TODAY!