

Charles and Helen Yundt Charitable Foundation
2026 Non-Traditional Scholarship Application

This scholarship is open to individuals who have attended the Vinton-Shellsburg high school. Applicants must plan to attend a post-secondary trade or vocational school or community college, with the intent to study and earn a specific professional trade/skill certification or degree. Applications must be submitted no later than February 6, 2026. Complete each section of this application. Please see the essay prompt to complete the essay portion of this application. **Recipients will receive a minimum of a \$1,000 scholarship.**

A non-traditional student is based on the presence of **one or more** of the following characteristics:

- Older than typical age (19 years or older)
- Part-time attendance at higher education institution
- Independent of parent(s)
- Working full-time while enrolled
- Having dependents
- Being a single parent
- Recipient of GED or high school completion certificate

Personal:

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City/State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Academic:

Vinton-Shellsburg years of attendance: 20____ - 20____ **V-S Graduation year:** _____

Post-secondary degree? _____ **Certification/degree:** _____

Fill out following information regarding Post-Secondary/Trade School plans:

Name of Institution: _____

Address of Institution Business Office: _____

_____ **Enrollment Date:** _____

Area of Study: _____ **Student ID number:** _____

Estimated First Semester Cost: _____

Estimated Second Semester Cost: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Essay Prompt:

In 750 words or less, please address the following three essay criteria:

1. Are you presently employed? If so, where? How long have you been employed at this job and what are some of your job responsibilities?
2. Explain a time period or situation in which you exemplified a strong work ethic. Please provide specific examples of your work ethic and how it: 1) helped you to achieve a goal, or 2) provided for your personal development, or 3) helped you to overcome adversity.
3. Discuss your current financial need and how an awarded scholarship would help you further your education/career aspirations. Explain your own personal plan and goal to obtain this trade or skill certification/degree.

Please make six copies of the application materials and include a copy of the letter of acceptance from the college of your choice and send to the following address:

Farmers Savings Bank & Trust
Attn: Jessica Helms
401 B Ave
Vinton, Iowa 52349