



## YOUTH COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CLASS OF 2026 DUE BY APRIL 30, 2026

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### About the Scholarship

The MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board (CIWB) proudly awards annual scholarships to graduating seniors who have participated in CIWB-sponsored programs and activities. These scholarships recognize students who have demonstrated growth, leadership, resilience, and commitment to their future through workforce and career development experiences.

Eligible students must have participated in one or more of the following programs:

- ArtWorks
- Connecting Activities/Internship Program
- MassHire CIWB Internship
- Residential Construction Career Day
- Women & Girls Mentoring Breakfast
- YouthWorks

Scholarship awards range from \$250–\$1,000, depending on available funding.

Awards may be used toward college or university tuition, vocational or technical training programs, certification programs, or Tools of the Trade for students entering the workforce directly.

### Application Deadline

All materials must be received by April 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

### Submission Instructions

- Submit all materials electronically as one combined PDF file (preferred) to:
  - Samantha Fonseca, Director of Youth Services  
88 North St, Hyannis, MA 02601  
[Samantha@masshire-capeandislandswb.com](mailto:Samantha@masshire-capeandislandswb.com)
- Do not submit links to Google Drive or external platforms.
- If submitting a hard copy due to special circumstances, the application must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2026.
  - No staples
  - No media (CDs, USB drives, flash drives)
  - No double-sided pages

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**Required Materials**

- Completed & signed application form
- 500–700 word essay
- One letter of recommendation
- Official or unofficial high school transcript

*Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.*



**Essay Prompt (500-700 words)**

Please respond thoughtfully to the following:

1. Describe your connection to the MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board and the program(s) in which you participated. How did this experience impact you?
2. Share your involvement in school, work, or community activities and what you learned from them.
3. Describe a personal experience that influenced your growth, resilience, or perspective.
4. What are your future career or educational goals?
5. Why should you be selected for this scholarship? What makes your journey unique?
6. *Optional:* Please share any financial, personal, or family circumstances you would like the committee to consider.

**Questions?**

If you have any questions about the application process, eligibility, or required materials, please contact:

Samantha Fonseca  
Director of Youth Services  
MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board  
 [Samantha@masshire-capeandislandswb.com](mailto:Samantha@masshire-capeandislandswb.com)  
 508-468-6602

We are happy to assist and encourage you to reach out before the deadline if you need clarification.

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**Application Form (Page 1 of 2)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for (check one):

College/University \_\_\_\_\_ Vocational/Technical Program \_\_\_\_\_ Tools of the Trade \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) Applied To (in order of preference):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Accepted / Pending / Approval)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Accepted / Pending / Approval)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Accepted / Pending / Approval)

Intended Field of Study/CareerPath:



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If Applying for Tools of the Trade, describe the tools or equipment needed:

Activities, Leadership, & Honors (Please list your school, community, volunteer, and extracurricular involvement. Include leadership roles, awards and certifications.):

Employment History (Most Recent First):

1. Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hours/Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hours/Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hours/Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete and that the required materials (application form, essay, recommendation letter, and transcript) are included in my submission.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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