

# PRO Workforce Foundation Career JumpStart Award



## **CRITERIA**

TradesUp, Inc., which is becoming the PRO Workforce Foundation, presents several Career JumpStart Career awards each year.

**The Career JumpStart Award**, which includes a tool package and an unrestricted \$1,500 award, is presented to secondary school graduating seniors who have committed to entering the remodeling industry.

The criteria for selection may include, but are not limited to, academic achievement, community involvement, and the general essay from the application.

Candidates may apply for the Career JumpStart Award, the PRO Member Scholarship, or both. The decision made by the panel of judges is final.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Please compile two copies of the following documents:

- Completed application
- School Transcript
- Activity profile or separate resume
- General Essay (250 words or fewer)
- Video Answer
- Two letters of recommendation, (1) Teacher & (1) Personal or Employer)
- Signed Affidavit attesting that they will be entering the profession upon graduation (see last page).

**Applications:** Application packets must be mailed directly to the TradesUp / PRO Workforce Foundation Scholarship Committee, % PRO New England, 831 Beacon Street #186, Newton Centre, MA 02459 or emailed to [trades-up@pro-ne.org](mailto:trades-up@pro-ne.org). Please put "TradesUp Career JumpStart Award" as the subject of the email.

**Timing:** All applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 10, and must contain all requested information. Late/incomplete packages are automatically disqualified. Awardee(s) will be notified in May 2026.

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## **APPLICATION**

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

Applicant E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Career Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Brief paragraph demonstrating financial need or special circumstances you may have:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION**

List any jobs you have held while in school:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular, Volunteer and Outside-of-school activities:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## **REFERENCES:**

Please provide two letters of recommendation, one of which should be from one of your teachers. Also, please provide the following contact information for your teacher:

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

## **GENERAL ESSAY**

In 250 words or fewer (on a separate page), please choose one of the following questions:

- Why are you a worthy candidate to receive this scholarship?
- Have you faced a difficult personal or academic challenge? How did you overcome it?
- What ideas do you have to benefit the remodeling trades?
- Why do you want to go into the trades?

OPTIONAL: Share anything else you would like the committee to know when evaluating your application.

## **VIDEO ANSWER**

Create and upload a short (2-minutes, maximum) video answering one or two of these questions:

1. Describe a recent project you worked on and what you learned from it.
2. Describe a challenge you faced and how you addressed it? This could be with a person, tool, project, or technology.
3. If you did a co-op, how did that prepare you to work in remodeling?

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## **APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

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- General Essay (250 words or less)
- Video Answer: Email your 2-minute (maximum) video or a link to your video to [tradesup@pro-ne.org](mailto:tradesup@pro-ne.org) from the email address you provided above.
- Two letters of recommendation, (1) Teacher & (1 Personal or Employer)
- Signed Affidavit attesting to plans to enter the profession upon graduation (see below).

## **AFFIDAVIT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, attest by my signature below that I will (or will be attempting to) pursue a career in the residential remodeling industry upon graduation from school and will use the scholarship monies to assist in my transition into this profession.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Reminder Information (Same as on page 1).**

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