



TRADESUP, Inc.

Career Kickstarter Award

CRITERIA

TradesUp, Inc. presents several Career Kickstarter Career awards each year.

The Career Kickstarter 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 used 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 TradesUp Career Kickstarter Award, the TradesUp 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)
- 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 Scholarship Committee, PRO New England, 831 Beacon Street #186, Newton Centre, MA 02459 or emailed to trades-up@pro-ne.org. Please put "TradesUp Career Kickstarter Award" as the subject of the email.

Timing: All applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than midnight on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 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.

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

- Please compile two (2) copies of the following documents:
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- 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