

# Elite Program Spotlight:

## EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship

### Fast Facts

Students awarded the Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship will receive up to \$5,000

Recognizes students for their community service, leadership skills and academic excellence

Administered solely by EPL's Manufacturing Excellence program

Founded in 2014 with first awards given to students in the 2015-16 school year

### **What is the EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship?**

The EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship program recognizes Danville/Pittsylvania County area high school seniors for their community service, academic performance and leadership skills. Students are recognized with a scholarship grant of up to \$5,000 from EPL America for the pursuit of their higher education. The program was founded in 2014 with the first scholarship grants awarded in spring of 2015.

### **What is the purpose of the EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship?**

The scholarship program is intended to serve a diverse population of Danville/Pittsylvania County area high school seniors and encourage enrollment in institutions of higher learning. It aligns with two focus areas of EPL's Community Involvement Strategy: promoting community service and building tomorrow's leaders.

### **What are the eligibility requirements for the EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship?**

The requirements for the Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship are included in this packet and can be found on the Eligibility Requirements page.

### **How do I apply to receive an EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship?**

The directions to apply for the Scholarship are included with this packet and can be found on the Application Instructions page. Please be sure to read over them carefully to make sure all required documents are included with your application submission.

# EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship: Eligibility Requirements

## **Eligibility Requirements** (students must meet all criteria):

1. Be a U.S. resident
2. Be a senior at one of the following high schools:
  - Chatham High School
  - Dan River High School
  - Galileo Magnet High School
  - George Washington High School
  - Gretna High School
  - Tunstall High School
3. Be awarded either Graduate of Merit or Graduate of Distinction honors from your high school.
4. Have been accepted at an accredited 2-year community college, 4-year college/university or a vocational/technical school for full-time status starting in the fall semester following graduation.
5. Submit a timely and complete application.

EPL will award four (4) scholarships of up to \$5,000 each to Danville area high school seniors who meet the eligibility requirements below and complete all application requirements. The awards will be based on a subjective evaluation of a combination of:

- Academic achievement
- Demonstrated leadership skills through school, work, or community service activities
- Commitment to community service
- Application and essay
- Letters of recommendation and character reference



# EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship: Application Instructions

## How to apply:

1. Check to be sure you meet the eligibility requirements.
2. Fill out the attached EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship form.
3. Attach your typed, double-spaced essay (1,000 to 1,500 words, maximum of 3 pages) with your research and thoughts on: ***Manufacturing is creating something useful for economic growth. Please write a Technical Report on how you would improve manufacturing in Southwest Virginia.***
4. Guidelines for research:
  - Read a book(s)/conduct online research on Southwest Virginia economics and manufacturing
  - Interview someone who works in a manufacturing environment
  - Discuss what societal changes have occurred and societal changes that are required in the future
  - Make sure to cite your research***\*Plagiarism in any form would lead to disqualification***
5. Attach two (2) letters of recommendation from current teachers and one (1) character reference letter (this may not be from a family member).
6. Attach a letter of acceptance from college or other school.
7. Meet with your guidance counselor to check for completeness. Guidance counselor must review and sign application.
8. Make a copy of the package for yourself and submit your application to your guidance counselor by March 15, 2024.



# EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship: Judging & Distribution of Scholarships

## **Judging:**

Judging will be done by a panel of EPL America senior managers.

## **Distribution of Scholarships:**

1. Scholarships will be presented to the winning seniors at their high school's spring awards program. EPL will issue a press release and publicize the award on its website and other publications.
2. Payment of the scholarship funds will be made directly to the school the student is attending, upon presentation of the tuition bill and payment request form to EPL America at the beginning of each semester. Student must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher to qualify for payment.
  - 2-year community college or vocational/technical program: \$5,000 scholarship will be spread over four (4) semesters, up to \$1,250 per semester
  - 4-year college or university: \$5,000 scholarship will be spread over the first two (2) semesters, up to \$2,500 per semester
3. If a student does not complete a semester and/or fails to return to school for the following semester, unused funds are to be returned by the school to EPL America. Any remaining balance of the scholarship will be forfeited by the student unless there are extenuating circumstances explained in writing and accepted by EPL's Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship Team.
4. If the student changes schools, they must notify EPL in writing and present the next semester's bill from the new school with the payment request form.
5. Payments from EPL America will be made within two weeks of receipt of the tuition bill and payment request form.

Questions: contact Laura Tyree at [laura.tyree@epglobal.com](mailto:laura.tyree@epglobal.com) or 434-822-8007 ext. 3530



# EPL America Manufacturing Excellence Scholarship: Application Form for High School Seniors

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Cell Email

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

1. High School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Awards/Honors received: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Work: List employers, positions, hours worked weekly during school and summer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. School planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

7. Course of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Start date \_\_\_\_\_

8. Program Length: \_\_\_\_\_ 2yr program \_\_\_\_\_ 4yr program \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain

## ATTACHMENTS:

\_\_\_\_ Essay (typed, double spaced, 1000-1500 words, maximum 3 pages)

\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendations from current teachers and one character reference letter

\_\_\_\_ Letter of acceptance from your school of choice

Guidance Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

