Scholarships Help Reduce the Cost of a College Education

Scholarship opportunities at Sullivan College of Technology and Design (SCTD) begin with the annual Scholarship Fair held in February. Potential students come to the fair to demonstrate their skill in any of the programs offered at the college, from Computer Aided Design Drafting (CADD) to hand-drawn art, from Interior Design to Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC-R), and from multimedia skills to computer networking abilities. For each contest, the college awards first, second and third place scholarships in the amounts of $3,000, $2,000 and $1,000, respectively.

In May, incoming students graduating from high school may also participate in the Scholarship Essay Contest. Students submit an application, including their current GPA, ACT scores and a brief essay concerning their program and career choices. The college awards scholarships of $3,000 to the individuals with the highest scores across all the required components. SCTD awards up to six of these scholarships annually.

In June and August, SCTD offers the Outstanding Career and Technical Student Scholarship. This scholarship requires a minimum 3.5 GPA, a composite ACT score of at least 20, enrollment at the college, an essay and an interview with a representative committee of college administrators, staff and instructors. James Snider, a Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET) student and a graduate of Western High School in Jefferson County, was the first recipient of this scholarship. Snider stated, “I wouldn’t be [at SCTD] without this scholarship. In high school, I wanted to keep up with my grades. I didn’t know about the Outstanding Career and Technical Student Scholarship at SCTD until my counselor, Ms. Triplett, told me about it. I looked at the criteria and realized I could be a competitor. So I applied!”

Snider was interested in SCTD due to the MET and robotics program. His first quarter went smoothly, and he’s excited now that he’s getting more in-depth in his program. As an added bonus, James had perfect attendance during his first quarter. He said that, “There’s too much to learn so I have to be there!” He has enjoyed meeting a variety of people at SCTD and thinks the college provides a strong sense of community.

The second recipient, Jakob Bradshaw, is a Computer Graphic Design student from Ohio. Both Bradshaw and Snider have one half of their total tuition charges covered by their scholarships. Bradshaw stated that there were many reasons why he chose SCTD. He likes the flexibility the college offers with day and evening schedules. Bradshaw also stated that going to college is, “easily one of the most expensive investments I will make,” and how to pay for college was one of his main concerns. Like Snider, Bradshaw focused on getting good grades in high school so that, “when it came to applying for colleges, I would know that my grades would help me with my tuition. Being a recipient of this scholarship has helped me financially to achieve a college degree and has shown me that hard work and dedication can help in the long run.”

Bradshaw said that his first quarter has been great thus far. He has already started taking classes in his career field and loves it. His advice to incoming students is to, “work hard
in school. Work towards what you love. If you are passionate about something, make sure to strive towards whatever it is and get the education you deserve.”

Finally, in December, the college holds the annual Scholarship Exam Day. Students sit for the ASSET exam, and those with the three highest scores on the exam receive scholarships of $3,000, $2,000 and $1,000, respectively. The college awards up to six scholarships per year depending on how students perform on the exam, and if any of the scores are tied.

These are a few of the scholarship opportunities available at SCTD to assist students with the cost of an education. Content the Admissions Department at SCTD (502-456-6509) to find out more!