

# Ken McNeil Memorial Scholarship

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## Part 1: Applicant Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Postsecondary School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative school (*if necessary*): \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

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List of CTE classes you have completed in high school and the year the class was taken:

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## Part 2: Personal Goals Essay

Attach a typed essay (500 – 700 words) containing your educational plans, school and community involvement, awards and achievements and your personal education and career goals.

## Part 3: References

Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach letters of recommendation to this application in sealed envelopes.)

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**The application will be disqualified if it does not include ALL of the following items and must be received by April 24, 2026, at the High School Counseling Department c/o Career Counselor.**

- Completed application form
- Official high school transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal goals essay – (500 – 700 words), typewritten, 12-point font, double spaced.

## Ken McNeil Memorial Scholarship



The Ken McNeil Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of Ken McNeil, who passed away suddenly from a heart attack while doing what he loved in 2024. He was more than a contractor – he was what many came to call a true “carpentry artist.” He did not just build to get a job done; he built with purpose, pride, and a deep commitment to doing things the right way.

Some of his finest work can be seen in the homes he built throughout Helena, as well as in the many commercial buildings he helped construct and remodel. Those who hired Ken knew they were receiving not a service, but craftsmanship they could trust. Though he often described himself humbly as a “jack of all trades and master of none,” but anyone who knew him would tell you that simply wasn’t true. He poured his heart into his work, his family, and his community.

This scholarship is meant to honor Ken’s memory by encouraging and supporting young people as they develop skills that allow them to make a meaningful impact through their own hard work and craftsmanship.

### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:

- Application Deadline: April 24, 2026, 4:00 pm, submit to Career Counseling Office at Helena, Capital, PAL and East Helena High School.
- Candidates: High School senior who is pursuing a career in the CTE field, such as Auto Tech, Business, Computer Sciences, Construction, Culinary, Drafting, Early Childhood, Medical Tech, Networking, Textiles or Welding
- Scholarship recipient will be notified by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Scholarships will go directly to the institution the student is attending to pay academic expenses.
- Scholarship is funded by the Ken McNeil Family

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must be a senior who is on track to graduate
- Applicant must be accepted into a post-secondary CTE by April 24, 2026. Letter of acceptance must be included in the scholarship application
- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above
- Selection will be based on academic performance, personal statement of academic goals in a Skilled Trade career and letters of recommendation

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed Application Form
- Letter of Acceptance from post-secondary institution
- Official High School Transcript
- Personal Statement of Academic/Career Goal in CTE
- Two Letters of recommendation: one academic, one work experience (employer)