



# **2025** **VPD FUTURE LEADERS** **TRADE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Empowering the Future of  
Trades Professionals**

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SMITHSBURG HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Smithsburg High School Leadership,

On behalf of VPD Government Solutions, I am honored to introduce the **VPD Future Leaders Trade Scholarship**, a \$2,500 award that will be given to ONE graduating Smithsburg High School senior pursuing a trade or technical program at Hagerstown Community College (HCC).

As a government contracting company, rooted in service, we understand how critical skilled professionals are to building and maintaining the infrastructure that supports both local communities and national interests. This scholarship represents our commitment to investing in the future workforce—particularly those choosing hands-on, high-demand careers that make a lasting impact on the government-service sector.

We ask for your support in sharing this opportunity with your students. Our goal is to reach individuals who are motivated to learn, eager to contribute, and ready to take the next step toward a fulfilling career in the trades.

Thank you for all that you do to guide and inspire your students. We look forward to partnering in this initiative to support the next generation of skilled professionals.

Warm regards,

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## TRADE SCHOLARSHIP FOR SMITHSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

### Trade Scholarship Summary

VPD Government Solutions is proud to offer one \$2,500 award that will be given to support a graduating senior from Smithsburg High School who plans to enroll in a trade or technical program at Hagerstown Community College (HCC).

As a trusted partner in the government sector, VPD understands the vital role that skilled trade professionals play in supporting innovation, compliance, and service delivery across public sector industries. This scholarship reflects our commitment to empowering local talent, strengthening our workforce and the community.

We invite Smithsburg High's leadership team to share this opportunity with eligible students and support them in applying for this meaningful award. This scholarship is designed to be attainable for students with a strong work ethic, clear goals, and a passion for making a meaningful impact through their trade or technical career.

### Eligibility Criteria

Must be a graduating senior from Smithsburg High School in the current academic year.

1. Student must be enrolled at Hagerstown Community College (HCC):

- Must be accepted into or planning to enroll in a trade or technical program at HCC.
- Eligible programs may include (but are not limited to): Cybersecurity, HVAC, Welding, Electrical, IT Support, Construction Technology, Automotive Technology, Plumbing, Advanced Manufacturing

2. GPA Requirement:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

3. Character and Commitment:

- Demonstrate a sincere interest in pursuing a trade career and making a positive impact locally or in public service-related industries.
- Strong work ethic, responsibility, and willingness to learn are highly valued.

### Essay

Each applicant must submit a 300–500 word essay in response to the prompt:

- "What motivates you to pursue a trade career, and how do you hope to make a difference in your community through your work?"

### Administration Deadline

All applicants must submit their essay by Sept 30, 2025. Applicants should include their full name, high school graduation date, GPA, HCC start date and name of trade program. Completed submissions should be sent to [scholarships@vpd.gov](mailto:scholarships@vpd.gov).

We encourage students from all backgrounds, including those who may not qualify for traditional scholarships, to apply. VPD is committed to supporting equitable access to high-quality career training and community advancement.

Recipients will be announced October 18, 2025.