

MAINE BLUE COLLAR SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2022



Thank You For Supporting Maine Blue Collar Scholarship Foundation. Through your Generous Donations MBC :



- ◆ Awarded 94 Scholarships and toolships to individuals entering the trades
- ◆ Provided \$105,000 in scholarship awards ranging from \$500 to \$2500
- ◆ Invested in our future skilled trades professionals in over 20 different careers
- ◆ Enhanced the livelihoods of individuals in over 100 communities in Maine
- ◆ Connected our future trades people and businesses for employment opportunities
- ◆ Provided Instructor Scholarships for CTE Instructors to work for a full week at a best-in-class business in their respective field

100% of Your Donation Goes Directly to Individuals in the Form of Scholarships and Toolships

Why

Our mission is to remove the barriers for motivated individuals pursuing a career in the trades. We are challenging the persistent belief that a traditional 4 year college degree is the only answer for our youth. The MBCSF aims to break down barriers and reinvigorate the trades that built America.

What

Our scholarships provide a hand up to individuals that can be applied to their tuition to learn the skills necessary for their trade, or to buy tools and equipment as they begin their rewarding and lucrative career in the trades.

Impact

These scholarships allow our next generation of tradespeople to build human capital. Once they have learned a skill they can take that powerful knowledge to any company. They are growing self-confidence, self-worth and earning potential with a career in the trades.



By The Numbers

2022 Revenue Sources



Thanks to the generosity of our donors we were able to raise **\$112,186**. We operate with an all volunteer committee (no paid staff) that allows us to put virtually **100%** of all donations into Scholarships and Toolships.

172 applicants = 94 Recipients

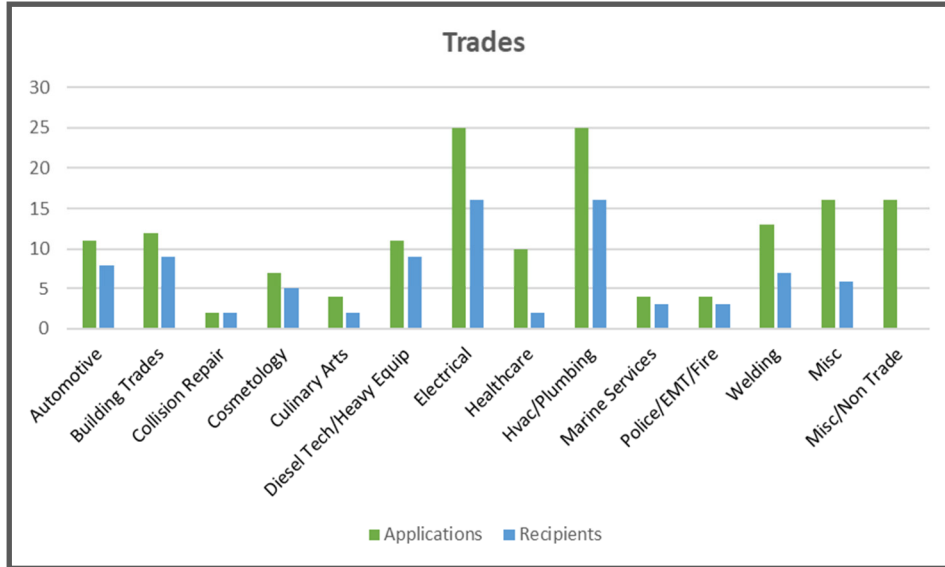


2022 Operating Expenses



Recipients from:

- 59 High Schools
- 22 CTE Schools
- 2 Home School
- 12 Post Grad



Spotlight

MBC works to go beyond just providing scholarships. Businesses that donate \$2500 are provided the applications in their respective field and over \$5000 they can also have a named scholarship. This offers the opportunities for businesses to connect with our future trades people for internships and job placement.

Don Foshay, owner of **Don Foshay's Discount Tire & Alignment**, donates in honor of his parents, the founders of the business. Don said, "supporting the MBC Scholarship Foundation hit home with us. We cannot understate the tremendous value and return on investment that is achieved by investing into Mainers who are pursuing a path in the trades. Learning a trade offers huge opportunities to graduate into a field eager to hire, with high earning potential, room for advancement and job security." **Evan Saunders**, a 2022 South Portland HS and PATHS graduate, received the Don and Nancy Foshay MBC Scholarship to assist him in pursuing his trade in Welding. Don shared, "We were proud to present this scholarship to Evan, he is a young man who we feel will achieve great success!"



Evan first became interested in welding during a visit to PATHS in 8th grade. He continued in high school working with fire and metal in the welding program at PATHS, he knew this was where his future career was headed. The scholarship is a real benefit for Evan, as most trades people are aware and as Evan shared, "Prices for tools are insane. This scholarship allowed me to purchase right away some of my tools, steel toed boots and specialized clothing necessary for welding. I was lucky the application also connected me with a business, Moody's HD, and I now have a part-time job while attending EMCC."

Through the application process **Moody's HD** (Heavy Duty Truck) learned of Evan attending EMCC in Bangor and reached out to offer him a part time job while pursuing his education. This is a win-win for the recipients and the businesses. Evan will earn valuable experience working in the field and HD has a motivated, willing to learn coworker. "He has been a real asset to the team", **Shawn Moody** stated, "Evan arrives with a great attitude, willingness to learn and contribute to Moody's latest venture of repairing Heavy Trucks / Equipment. We are proud our partnership with MBC allows us to support and connect with our future trades people as they build their rewarding and lucrative career in the trades."