



CAR CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP

SHIFT YOUR AUTO TECH CAREER INTO GEAR!

CALIFORNIA NEW CAR DEALERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

April, 2021

Dear Applicant,

The California New Car Dealers Association and its Scholarship Foundation are pleased to announce the launch of our Car Careers Scholarship Application – 2.0. This new version has more significant awards of **\$5,000** per student recipient, with a total of **20** winners state-wide, plus there will be one state-wide winner who will receive an **additional \$5,000**. We are excited to know that you are prepared to *"Shift your Auto Tech Career into Gear!"* As you work to fuel your passion into a career, be confident your choice will help you:

- **Cash in** – An auto technician is a well-paying job. Starting salaries are strong and the median salary is \$54,540 per year (Bureau of Labor Statistics, California, May, 2020) and the role comes with accelerated opportunities to earn more. Plus, most jobs offer excellent benefits and comfortable work environments.
- **Speed up** – Get to a rewarding job faster. You will spend less time and money to prepare for full-time employment. A two-year hands-on program will get you the training you need.
- **Tech up** – the auto tech field is an exciting, dynamic, technology-driven industry, nothing boring about it!
- **Fuel up** – As a skilled technician employed with a franchised new car dealership, you will benefit from ongoing training that will fuel a stable wage and a rewarding lifelong career.

Together, the California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA) and its Scholarship Foundation have powered a vision to fill the fierce demand for the auto technician and management roles critical to the industry. We are proud to have awarded scholarships to over 1,300 students, totaling over one million dollars.

For almost 100 years, the Association has proudly served the new car industry in the Golden State. CNCDA represents nearly 1,200 franchised new car and truck dealers working to support a business-friendly climate where new car dealers can thrive. The Association works to support our dealers' needs and the communities they serve while the Foundation focuses on bringing outstanding people into the industry.

As you prepare for success in this role by getting trained, we invite you to apply to our scholarship program. Make sure to fill out the form completely and submit all the required documents needed. In addition, we welcome the opportunity to connect you with a member franchised new vehicle dealership in your area before, during, and after you graduate. Feel free to contact Danielle Whitmore, Scholarship and Outreach Manager @ scholarship@cncda.org, with your questions.

Best of Luck!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Bedford

CNCDA Scholarship Foundation Chairperson & President
Owner, Sunset Auto Center, Lompoc, Ca.



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Award information: For over 25 years, CNCDA Scholarship Foundation has sponsored over \$1,000,000 in scholarship awards. Each year we provide support to students pursuing careers with a franchised new car dealer in the State of California. The CNCDA Foundation anticipates awarding up to 20 scholarships of \$5,000 with four awards for each of the 5 (five) CNCDA Regions, The CNCDA Foundation Directors will identify a regional finalist to receive an additional \$5,000 Award.

Eligibility Requirements:

Be a resident of California.

Be a high school senior or graduate, or current college student.

Pursuing an Automotive Technology degree.

Enrolled or plan on enrolling in an accredited two-year college or vocational technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.

Maintain at least a part-time status of 6 units each term

Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)

Preference will be given to:

- 1) Applicants who are enrolled or plan on enrolling in a factory specific program such as TTEN, ASSET, ASEP, CAP or PACT.
- 2) Applicants that are employed at, or mentored by, a member dealership.

No FAFSA or income information is required to apply for this scholarship.

Incomplete or late applicants will not be considered.

Awards are for undergraduate study only. *CNCDA Members and/or relatives of members of the association and its board of directors are ineligible.*

Critical Application Dates:

Application Opens: April 15, 2021 @ 4am Pacific Standard Time (PST) (6am Central Standard Time)

Application Closes: **June 15, 2021 @ 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time PST (June 16, 2021 at 1:59 a.m. CT)**

The application platform is Central Standard Time ONLY – Be sure you apply before 11:59 pm PST, June 15, 2021

Award Notification: August, 2021. **Funding will begin with the 2021 fall semester for the 2021-2022 academic year.**

Completed Application Includes: (have this information ready before you apply!)

- Online application form outline;
- Personal Recommendation – a name and email address of a personal recommendation or recommender. A recommender is intended to be a current supervisor – (if employed at a franchised new car dealership), teacher or college instructor, local auto or truck dealer or an automotive industry mentor. A recommender cannot be related to you.
- High School transcript if you school does not use a 4.0 scale please have your GPA converted to a 4.0 scale before submitting. Current technical college students must also provide their first semester technical college grades.

Notes for a successful application process:

Spelling, punctuation, and grammar matter! Review your answers before submitting.

All correspondence regarding your scholarship application will be done by e-mail. Be sure that the e-mail address that you provide is a valid address that is frequently monitored.

Receipt of your application will be confirmed by e-mail within 7 days. If you do not receive a confirmation, your application was not received.

Questions? Email scholarship@cncda.org. or call 916. 403.7942.



STEP 1 : Create a Profile on the Scholarship America Hub.

Personal Information

1) Date of birth * Format: mm/dd/yyyy

2) Country *

3) Address *

Your primary address

Address (line 2)

City *

State/Province *

ZIP/Postal code *

4) Primary phone * Format: 555-555-5555

5) Gender *

- Choose one – Male Female Do not wish to report

6) Ethnicity *

- Choose one –

Profile Information

1) Your current grade level *

- Choose one –

Secondary student

High School Senior /Final Year Secondary

Post-Secondary (University) student

Graduate Student

2) Cumulative GPA on a 4.00 scale *

This website uses a 4.00 GPA scale. If needed, view the conversion chart to convert your % grade.

3) Post-secondary school type you plan to attend *

- Choose one –

Vocational - Technical Institution/College

2 year community college

University or 4- year college

Graduate school

Other

4) What year do/did you complete high school/secondary school * format: yyyy

5) Field of study *

- Choose one – Trades and Personal Service (for the CNDA Foundation Scholarship Program)

6) First generation college student * Yes/ No

7) Year in school for the upcoming academic year *

- Choose one –

Step 2: Press the Save my Profile button at the bottom of the page. You will receive a confirmation at the top of the HUB acknowledging your profile information has been saved.

✓ Your profile information has been saved.

Step 3: Click on the **Scholarship** icon on the top right of the HUB. This will match your profile with the CNCDA Scholarship Application



Step 4: Provide your Recommender information. Minimum – 1 required

Add the recommender by entering their name and email address. This will generate an email to the individual. To align a recommender to a particular scholarship, use the Assign Recommenders function below. Your recommendation must be submitted on your behalf no later than 3:00 p.m. Central Time on June 18, 2021.3

First name
Last Name
Email



Step 5: Complete the online Application form.

Student Application Information

Provide responses to the information requested below.

Are you a resident in California? Yes/No

Select the California county in which you reside.

- Choose one -

Are you a U.S. veteran? Yes No

Are you a member and/or a relative of a member of the California New Car Dealers Scholarship Foundation board of directors? Yes / No

How did you hear about the scholarship? (drop down or radio button)

- Auto tech teacher
- School financial aid
- Local Auto Dealer
- General scholarship website
- Social media ad
- News or Press
- Business or workforce development organization
- Family or friend
- Other _____

Employment

Are you eligible for employment in California under California and federal law? * Yes No

Do you have a valid CA driver's license? Yes No

Are you currently employed at a Dealership? Yes No

Dealership Name:

Supervisor's Name

Supervisor's email:

Are you interested in working part-time at a dealership now? Yes/No

If so which dealership? Name of dealership:



Step 5: Continued - Complete the online Application form

Parent/Guardian or Alternate Contact

Provide information about your parent/guardian or alternate contact.

Parent or Alternate Contact's First Name

Parent or Alternate Contact's Last Name

Parent or Alternate Contact's Phone (555-555-5555)

Parent or Alternate Contact's Email Address

Relationship

- Choose one -

High School Information

Provide information about your high school. Also provide the academic information requested below (if available).

High School Name

High School City

High School Graduation Month

-Choose one-

High School Graduation Year yyyy



Step 5: Continued - Complete the online Application form

Postsecondary School Information

Provide information about the postsecondary school you plan to attend for the upcoming academic year. If you are undecided or your enrollment status is unknown, select your first preference.

When using the "Find your school" function, select the State/Province where the school is located and enter a Keyword from the name of the school. Select school from the resulting list.

Students attending school outside of US/Canada, use the Keyword search only and select from the resulting list.

If your school is not found, select the School Not Listed option and complete all of the school fields

Find your school

State/Province -Choose one-

Keyword: Allows you to search by school Name

College Name _____

College City _____

College State

-Choose one-

College Type

-Choose one-

Next year in College

-Choose one

I will be enrolled

-Choose one- Part time (under 6 credits) Part time (minimum 6 credits) Full-time.

Expected College Graduation Month

-Choose one-

Expected College Graduation Year yyyy

Are you or will you be pursuing an Automotive Technology degree? Yes / No

Degree Sought

-Choose one-

Associates Degree

Technical Certification

Are you or will you be enrolled in a factory-specific program? Yes / No

If yes, provide factory program.

-Choose one-

GM Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP)

Ford Automotive Student Services Education Training (Ford ASSET)

Mopar College Education Program (CAP)

Honda Professional Automotive Career Training (PACT)

Toyota Technical Education Network (TTEN)

Other



Step 5: Continued - Complete the online Application form

Self - Declared GPA

If you are currently a high school senior or have not yet completed one full term of post secondary education, provide your cumulative grade point average from grades 9-12. Enter your cumulative High School grade point average on a 4.00 scale.

If you are currently in college/postsecondary school and have completed at least one full term, enter your cumulative postsecondary grade point average on a 4.00 scale.

Cumulative GPA on a 4.00 scale: This will auto populate from your profile

This website uses a 4.00 GPA scale. If needed, view the conversion chart to convert your % grade.

GPA Type

-Choose one-

Activities, Awards & Honors

Tell us about your school and automotive related activities which you have participated (such as Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), SkillsUSA, technical skills competitions, mentoring programs, trouble shooting, Auto Shows, etc). In addition, tell us about other activities in which you have participated (sports, music, community, volunteer, charitable, etc.): *

Report each activity separately. To report additional activities, click the Add Another button below.

Automotive Related Activity _____

Activity Years

2020-2021

2019-2020

2018-2019

2017-2018

Activity School /Community _____

Award Years

2020-2021

2019-2020

2018-2019

2017-2018

Award/Honor received _____

2020-2021

2019-2020

2018-2019

2017-2018



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Step 5: Continued - Complete the online Application form

Goals Statement: Limited to 1,000 characters

Tell us what interests you most about the automotive industry, your educational and career goals and objectives? Where do you see yourself working in the next 3-5 years?

Short Essay Limited to 1,000 characters

Short Essay: What types of cars or trucks have you worked on and which was your favorite? what skills will make you a good Auto Technician?

Spelling, punctuation, and grammar matter! Review your answers before submitting.



Step 6: Certify & Sign

Certification & Signature

You, the applicant, are responsible for accurately completing the entire application and submitting it by the application deadline date.

"By submitting this application, I acknowledge Scholarship America and California New Car Dealers Scholarship Foundation are responsible for selecting recipients based on criteria set forth in the program guidelines and decisions are final. Once submitted, this application becomes the property of Scholarship America and California New Car Dealers Scholarship Foundation. I understand that Scholarship America will use the personal data collected in this application for the purpose of reviewing applications and candidates and selecting scholarship recipients and will process this data in compliance with the Scholarship America Privacy Policy. Collected data will be shared with California New Car Dealers Scholarship Foundation for the selection of recipients, administration and promotion of the program.

I understand that I may withdraw my consent to the processing of personal data by Scholarship America at any time by contacting Scholarship America, as provided in their Privacy Policy, but that doing so will impact Scholarship America's ability to consider my application. All application data will be stored for a period of up to seven (7) years after the last update to this data or for such term as necessary to comply with applicable laws.

I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the program and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information, including an official transcript of grades and letters/documentation from the organizations with which I am involved. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.

By typing my name, I agree to the terms and conditions for submitting an application to the California New Car Dealers Scholarship Program. I understand this is an electronic signature that has the same legal authority as my handwritten signature." Sign the application by typing names and dates below.

Applicant Signature *

Signature Date *

mm-dd-yyyy

Step 7: Upload your Transcript.

Document

As part of your submission, you must upload the following document(s):

A current, complete transcript of grades, including the most recently completed term. Transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours, and term in which the course was taken.

Add a Document

Only PDF, JPG, and PNG file types are allowed.

Document Type *

- Choose one -

Description *

Document *

Step 9: Review

Once the application is complete and required documents have been uploaded, you will move to the Review stage of the application.

The review stage will provide messages for any required fields that have not been answered or formatting errors. Once all of the error messages are satisfied, the Lock and Submit button will appear at the bottom of the Review page (see below).

Your Documents

A checkmark symbol means that document type has its minimum number of assignments met. Otherwise a warning symbol is shown.

Document Type	Minimum Required	Maximum Allowed
✓ Transcript	1	10

Document Type	Document
Transcript	transcript.pdf
Documents	

Lock and Submit

This site is administered by Scholarship America
Contact Us

Step 10: Lock and Submit

Nice Work!

Consider saving a copy of your application as a PDF for your files.

Receipt of your application will be confirmed by e-mail within 7 days. If you do not receive a confirmation, your application was not received.

Be sure to monitor the email address for a confirmation and communication from Scholarship America.

Good Luck and Thank You for Applying!

Questions? Email scholarship@cncda.org. or call 916. 403.7942.

COVID-19 Information

California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA) and its Scholarship Foundation recognize the unprecedented challenges to the learning community presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We remain hopeful about the State of California's continued recovery and reopening plans.

Should the rate of community transmission of COVID-19 increase to a level where the public's health warrants your region be placed on a stay-at-home order and your program suspended for the 2021-2022 academic year, we reserve the right to suspend our scholarship program awards.

Reasonable accommodations: Scholarship America and the California New Car Dealers Association Scholarship Foundation are committed to the full inclusion of all qualified individuals. As part of this commitment, Scholarship America will ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations. If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in the scholarship application process, please contact lrux@scholarshipamerica.org or scholarship@cncda.org.