

# Ohio Technical College and the City of Canton Mayor's Scholarship

**Ohio Technical College and the City of Canton Mayor's Scholarship** was established to create a life-changing opportunity for Canton School District youths through the specialized technical education provided at Ohio Technical College and the PowerSport Institute.

Ohio Technical College is offering \$10,000.00 in scholarship funds to high school seniors attending Ohio Technical College or the PowerSport Institute. Scholarship applications are available each school year and recipients are awarded in May. This year's application deadline is **May 1st, 2010**.

Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance and outstanding community service. Scholarships include the following:

Four (4) \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to four (4) high school seniors residing in the City of Canton. In addition to meeting the financial need criteria, the academic requirements include a weighted cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Extracurricular activities, honors classes, letters of recommendation and a 1000-word essay describing the applicant's own personal qualities are also included in the application requirements. The recipient must be registered to attend the Ohio Technical College or the PowerSport Institute the fall of the upcoming school year.

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES:**

**Ohio Technical College and the City of Canton Mayor's Scholarship:** Awarded to students who have excelled in academics & community service and have a financial need.

Application deadline is May 1, 2010. Completed applications must be postmarked by this date. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.*** An Ohio Technical College representative will contact the recipients of the Scholarships. Scholarship awards will be applied towards the winners' first year college tuition in the fall of 2010.

## ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be considered for the City of Canton Mayors Scholarship, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a high school student Senior in a City of Canton county public or private school.
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 by the end of the second grading period of their senior year.
- Applicant must submit an official transcript from the high school registrar.
  
- Write a 1000 word essay describing:
  - What has been the most rewarding life experience for you to date and why?
  - Describe achievements that you are proud of - highlight your skills and abilities;
  - Discuss what you want to do once you have finished your education.
  - Describe what you hope to contribute to the community once you graduate, and why; how will your skills and education assist others.
  - Discuss your current economic situation, and why you need financial help at this time to attend school;
  
- Letters to be submitted by applicant:
  - Two (2) letters of recommendation – each from a current high school teacher or administrator.
  
- Applicant must be accepted to and enroll at Ohio Technical College and the PowerSport Institute. Please submit a copy of the **letter of acceptance** with the Application.

## SELECTION CRITERIA:

A panel comprised of members of both Ohio Technical College and the Canton Mayor's Office will review/rate the applications and make final decisions on scholarship awards. The above criteria will be considered equally in evaluating applicants.

Here is how Ohio Technical College will be making a difference by teaming up with the City of Canton.

## **OTC GOALS:**

- Provide a program of financial assistance to students with financial need who can demonstrate that they have the ability and initiative to successfully complete their program of study.
- Provide the City of Canton with an opportunity to increase its visibility in the community.
- Attract highly qualified applicants to the College.
- Foster the highest level of achievement possible for students demonstrating ability at OTC.
- Maintain a method whereby the City of Canton can assist local area students who are in need of career education.

Enhance the image of both the City of Canton and Ohio Technical College throughout the community.