

The Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School



BRIDGES foundation

EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

2019-2020



2018-2019 Award Recipients: *Front row from the left: Shagufa Ramin, Brianna Viera, Brienna Aszli, Alex Roan, Jeremiah Henry
Middle row from the left: Sarah Lieberman, Abigail Wenger, Hazel Deschamps, Amy Swierczek, Jessica Batoussi, Sadie Abboud,
Back row from the left: Joseph Fekete, James Spadofora, Justin Daniels, Samuel Capwell, Derek Conkle, Walter Garrett,
Matthew Clark, Donna Basic, Jared Galloway*

(Please Print)

Name _____

BAVTS Program _____ BAVTS Instructor _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Sending High School _____ Sending School Counselor _____

For Office Use Only:

Submission Date: _____ Time: _____ Initials _____

Application must be submitted no later than 3:00 pm, Friday, December 6th, 2019 to Mrs. Fahrenkopf in the Director's Office.

BETHLEHEM AREA Vocational-Technical School

Years at BAVTS: 1 2 3 Fast Track: (check if YES)

Career taken at BAVTS, excluding Rotation: (Plumbing, Fast Track, etc.) _____

Short Term (2-4 years) Career Goals: _____

Long Term Career Goals: _____

Post-Secondary School Plans: School(s) _____

I will not be attending a post-secondary school. Upon graduation I plan to:

Enter the military _____

Enter the workforce _____

SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES*: (9th through 12th grade) Include both Sending School and BAVTS activities

Activities:	Dates:
Example: School Band / Sports Teams	2017-Present
Example: SkillsUSA Professional Development Program	2019-Present

COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES*: (9th through 12th grade)

Note: Include volunteer work or community service in dates and total hours.

Activities:	Dates:	Total Hours:
Example: School Band / Sports Teams	2017-Present	120 hours total
Example: SkillsUSA Professional Development Program	2018, 2019	12 hours total

AWARDS / HONORS RECEIVED*: (9th through 12th grade) if possible provide photo-copies of awards

Activities:	Dates:
Example: SkillsUSA Local-Prepared Speech-3rd Place	2018
Example: Eagle Scout Award	2019

EMPLOYMENT OR AFTER SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS*: (Be specific: Dates, Duties, Responsibilities, Hours, etc.)

Activities:	Dates/Years:	Total Hours/Week:
Example: Care provider for family member/younger sibling	2017-Present	120 hours total

**If necessary, continue listing information on a separate sheet.*

What type of award would benefit you the most? (select **ALL** that apply)

___ 2 year ___ 4 year ___ Industry Cert./Apprenticeship ___ Tool (*traditional vocational students only*)

To be considered for an award, please return completed application form and supporting materials to the **BAVTS Director's Office no later than 3:00 pm, Friday, December 6, 2019**. No applications will be considered after this deadline.

I, _____ state that all the information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and understand that any award is contingent upon my continued success at BAVTS, my sending school and in the community. **I understand that I have two years to use my award or it will be forfeited back to the Bridges Foundation.**

Student Signature

According to the Bridges Foundation By-Laws, 75% of the Excellence Awards will be presented to traditional vocational applicants and 25% to the academic student body.

Please attach the following information to this form.

- 1. Unofficial transcript of grades from your high school. (*Obtain through your high school counselors*)
- 2. Two teacher evaluation forms (*one MUST be your BAVTS instructor and the other a teacher of your choice*)
- 3. Two letters of recommendation (*May not be the same teacher who completed Teacher Evaluation Form*)
- 4. Typed written statement, not to exceed one page, stating the Value of Your BAVTS Education and Your Career Goals. (*It should be a clearly written and compelling description.*)
- 5. Obtain BAVTS transcript from Student Services



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About Us

The Bridges Foundation was created in 1998 with the purpose of investing in the workforce of the future. The ongoing success of our community depends in large part on our ability to develop a trained and motivated workforce that can meet the challenges of global competition.

Foundation Goals and Objectives

To provide deserving students of Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School the ability and financial support to fulfill career opportunities.

To promote charitable and educational aid in the form of money and other forms of property and services to the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School and to persons, associations, and corporations associated therewith;

To encourage research and learning and the dissemination of information, relating thereto at the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School; and

To support public higher education in the several pursuits and professions of life.

Bridges Excellence Award Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for Bridges and Bridges affiliated awards were determined by identifying multiple characteristics believed to be necessary for students to meet a successful post-high school experience. The criteria includes a review of academic and vocational accomplishments, occupational career aspirations, and interviews with a team of judges. The judges are a representative sample of the Bridges Foundation Board members, business leaders, community personnel and select school personnel.

The Bridges Foundation awarded \$50,000 to BAVTS students last year!

Since the inception of the Foundation, it has distributed more than \$730,000 for the deserving, high-achieving and exemplary Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical students to:

- Pursue educational opportunities after high school that will lead to a Trade Industry Certificate, Associate Degree and/or Baccalaureate Degree.
- Acquire tools and/or industry equipment to pursue their career aspirations.
- Participate in specific industrial seminars, conferences, or trade shows related to the students' career pathways.