Tennessee Safety & Health Congress
2026 Scholarship Program Application

https://www.tnsafetycongress.org

All applications & materials must be postmarked by April 15, 2026

Section I: **[To Be Completed By Student]**

A. General information.

1. Name: _____ Male ☐ Female ☐

2. Permanent Address: _____ Email: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone # _____ **(for award notification)** Social Security # ____-____-____

University: _____ City/Sate _____

Number of Credits this Term: _____ Credits Completed Toward Degree: _____ Overall GPA: _____

ASSE or AIHA Student Membership Number: _____

Planned Graduation Date: _____ Degree Program: _____

(Circle One): Undergraduate Masters Doctorate

3. Eligibility criteria (documentation required). **Check-Box**

a. Original transcripts from completed graduate courses and undergraduate degrees or undergraduate courses with official seal. ☐

- Verifies good academic standing
- **For graduate students**, verifies overall graduate GPA of at least 3.5 out of a 4.0 system for all graduate courses completed and a GPA of at least 3.0 out of a 4.0 system for undergraduate degree.
- **For undergraduate students**, verifies completion of at least 60 semester hours for undergraduate applicants and a GPA of at least 3.0 out of a 4.0 system.

b. Reference Letter by safety faculty member ☐

- Includes verification of official enrollment in an occupational safety & health or closely related field.
- Verifies 12 current semester hours or more for undergraduate applicants or verifies 9 current semester hours or more for graduate school applicants.

B. Specific Information: On a separate sheet, please complete the following in 300 words (or less) and attach to your application.

1. Why are you seeking a degree in occupational safety & health or closely related field and provide a brief description of current activities, how they relate to your career goal and objective (i.e., work experience, school activities, etc.)?
2. Describe why you believe you should be awarded this scholarship (i.e., career goals, financial need, etc.).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Section II: [To Be Completed By Faculty Member]

A. Faculty Member Name:_____ Title: _____

Institution: _____

Department: _____

Address: _____

_____

City: _____ State _____Zip _____ Daytime Phone#: _____

Fax:_____ Email: _____

B. Certification:

I certify that applicant: _____ meets the eligibility criteria in Section I, and specifically includes verification of official enrollment in an occupational safety & health or closely related field program and verifies 12 current semester hours or more for undergraduate or 9 current semester hours or more for graduate students.

C. Attached Reference Letter: Indicate candidate's strong points and why you feel he/she should receive an award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return application to: **Tennessee Safety & Health Congress**
P.O. Box 281497
Nashville, TN 37228-9998
Attn: Scholarship Committee

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ONLY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

For part-time or full-time students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in occupational safety & health or a closely related field at an accredited institution. The accredited institution must be within one hundred and fifty mile radius of the state of Tennessee. Students that are serving the country through active duty in the armed forces or honorably discharged, recipients of awards from service organizations or have provided volunteer service to the TSHC or their ASSP or AIHA Student Chapter(s) in a leadership role will also receive priority for this award.

Please note:

- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Applicants must graduate in December 2026 or later to be eligible for any of these awards.
- Previous recipients of TSHC, Middle Tennessee Chapter ASSP scholarship awards are taken into consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

Send your completed applications to:

Tennessee Safety & Health Congress
P.O. Box 281497
Nashville, TN 37228-9998
Attn: Ron A. Kirsch, Ph.D.,
Scholarship Committee Chair

Send a headshot image in .jpg format to: ron.kirsch@comcast.net on or before April 15, 2026.

The TSHC Scholarship Committee will review all applications. Scholarship winner names will be posted on the website on or around **May 1, 2026**. Awards will be announced and presented at the Tennessee Safety & Health Conference on **Monday, May 4, 2026**. If you are unable to attend on this date, the scholarship award will be mailed to your permanent address after the Conference.

If you have any questions, please address them to the Scholarship Committee at the above address.