



## SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR CONNECTICUT STUDENTS

The following scholarship is available through the Main Street Community Foundation beginning on January 15, 2026. The deadline to apply is March 6, 2026. Please read all the requirements completely and carefully before submitting an application.

### **Stanley P. Bitel Memorial Fund**

**\$10,000**

This scholarship was established in 2015 through gifts from family and friends to honor the life of Stanley P. Bitel, the founder of Rowley Spring and Stamping Corporation in Bristol which was founded in 1954. He personified entrepreneurial spirit, continual learning and self achievement all characteristics that should be displayed by the recipient.

#### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Open to residents of the state of Connecticut who are a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled post secondary student or an adult learner seeking qualifying skilled training in the manufacturing trade*
- *Past recipients of the scholarship are not eligible to reapply*
- *Qualifying training includes apprenticeship programs, technical education/trade schools, workforce development programs or pursuit of a four year degree in business or engineering as it relates to a career in manufacturing*
- *Work history*
- *Academic achievement, with a minimum of a B average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale)*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher and one of which must be from an employer that demonstrates that the applicant is a “go-getter”.

***Essay requirement:*** The manufacturing industry has an abundance of career opportunities including engineering, sales, finance, management, precision machinist, distribution, quality control inspectors, tool & die maker, lean manufacturing, supply chain management, just to name a few. Write a one page essay introducing yourself and describing why you wish to pursue a career in the manufacturing field.

Applications available January 15, 2026.  
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For the eligibility criteria and application,  
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