



**Davenport  
Schools  
Foundation**

## **Betty Nelson Career Technical Scholarship Information**

(for two- or three-year technical training programs or apprenticeships)

**Scholarship History:** The Davenport PTA Council established the Vocational Technical Scholarship in 1991. It was designed to assist graduating seniors who planned to pursue advanced education to prepare for vocational and technical careers. It was coordinated with Project FIRST (Foremost in Respect for Students of Technology) by Dr. Robert Stone of Davenport Community Schools. The goal now, as then, is to recognize the talents of students who complete high school with the intention of becoming productive members of society through careers that do not require a four-year college degree. It also recognizes the worth of each individual and the benefit to society that is provided by those individuals who invent, develop, produce and maintain the technological structure in our workplace and society. When the Davenport PTA Council dissolved in 2008, the scholarship was renamed in honor of Betty Nelson, who helped organize and nurture this scholarship program for many years.

**Selection:** A committee of four members and one advisor will process the applications each year and make the unanimous determination of award winners. It is funded by contributions from Quad-City businesses and industries as well as memorial contributions.

**Purpose:** The scholarship monies are to be used by graduating seniors from Davenport schools for tuition or books at a career technical school or for a trade union apprenticeship.

**Eligibility:** Applicant must be a graduate of a Davenport Community School District high school with an adequate record of scholarship. He/she must show serious intent to enter a technical career upon completion of high school training, and be registered for advanced training. Students entering a four-year college are not eligible.

**Procedure and Deadline:** Submit an application form by April 10, 2012. Be available for an interview with the review committee. Forms are available online at [www.davenportschools.org/foundation](http://www.davenportschools.org/foundation), or through high school guidance counselors, or from the following address: Mrs. Betty Nelson, 5200 Villa Drive, No. 59, Davenport, IA 52806.

**Award Distribution:** An award is given each year to a graduate at each of the four Davenport high schools (Central, North, West and the Kimberly Center) during Awards Day in May. The monetary award is around \$500 each year, depending on the funding.

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