



# THE JESSI COMBS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

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*"I ask that all of you celebrate my life and everything I stand for. I ask that you do everything in your power to share my mission, what I put my entire life on the line for. To reveal to all in this world what they are capable of, by showing them the confidence and abilities they already possess." – Jessi Combs (1980-2019)*

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## OPPORTUNITY

Blaze the trail toward your dream career with support from The Jessi Combs Foundation. *The Jessi Combs Foundation Scholarship Program* is designed to remove a portion of the financial burden associated with higher education, one of many barriers that could prohibit women from pursuing a career in the trades. Furthermore, we hope the mere awareness of the scholarship's existence helps to shift perceptions of the trade industry in general and the role women can play in them. We seek to elevate awareness of the trades as a viable career path for women by shining a spotlight on those who are driven to apply and others who have already found success. This scholarship program also serves as a platform for driving change within the cultural fabric of the trades industry by removing barriers both real and perceived while creating pathways for more women to enter, thrive, and succeed.

Jessi Combs was a pioneer female. She worked harder than many – with more grit and determination than most – to earn her position as an expert in several male-dominated industries including the trades. The Jessi Combs Foundation is dedicated to continuing the work Jessi started including her commitment to helping women pursue a career in the trades. Through this scholarship we aim to help educate, inspire and empower the next-generation of trailblazing and stereo-type breaking women.....like Jessi.

## EVALUATION PROCESS & TIMELINE

*The Jessi Combs Foundation Scholarship Program* applications are comprised of two parts: a written application (including proof of enrollment) and a video application; both will be evaluated based on eligibility. The video essay provides a platform for applicants to demonstrate the 'human factor' – the personality, passion, drive and authenticity of the individual.

Applications will be reviewed by The Jessi Combs Foundation Board of Directors; a diverse panel of women and men representing a variety of (male-dominated) industries ranging from 4-wheels to 2-wheels, off-road racing to metal fabrication and more. Some Board Members are veterans in their field and worked directly with Jessi, many were her friend and confidant, while others may be newcomers who have recently fought and earned their place in a male-dominated industry and seek to change the landscape for the generation of women behind them. Regardless, all Board Members believe in the mission of The Jessi Combs Foundation and are passionate about doing their part to contribute.

Funds will be distributed to a winning applicant on a monthly schedule. Payments are dependent on awardee remaining in good standing with their institution and adherence to 'The Jessi Combs Foundation Social Contract' outlined separately.



Please submit your completed application to:

The Jessi Combs Foundation | 915 South Kimball Street | Mitchell, SD 57301

[info@thejessicombsfoundation.com](mailto:info@thejessicombsfoundation.com)

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for *The Jessi Combs Foundation Scholarship Program* at the time of submission must identify themselves as:

- A woman
- A High School Senior, Graduate or GED equivalent
- Enrolled in or accepted to an accredited vocational school in the United States with a focus on trade related skills. This could include: technical school, 2-year college or other approved vocational institutes.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants will be required to submit the following components either electronically OR by mail. Files can be sent via WeTransfer, Dropbox or other file sharing application to [info@thejessicombsfoundation.com](mailto:info@thejessicombsfoundation.com)

1. A copy of your **acceptance letter or proof of current enrollment** in a trade school

- Save file as FirstName\_LastName\_Proof of Schooling
- .PDF or .DOC

2. Completed **written application** (p.3-4 of this document)

- Save file as FirstName\_LastName\_Written Application
- .PDF or .DOC

3. Completed **video application** (video submission details below)

- Save file as FirstName\_LastName\_Video Application
- .MP4, .MPEG, .AVI or .MOV

\*While not required; you are welcome to submit additional reference testimonials or recommendations you have received and would like us to consider. .

## VIDEO APPLICATION DETAILS

Please structure your video in the following format (maximum length 5min):

1. Introduction:

- Tell us your first name, last name, age, home city and current occupation.

2. Questions:

- What motivated you to apply for *The Jessi Combs Foundation Scholarship Program*?
- Who or what inspired you to take this career path?
- What are your career aspirations in the trades industry?
- What role will this scholarship play in helping you accomplish those goals?

3. Conclusion:

- Is there anything else you would like to share with the selection board that was not already captured in the application process or the above questions?



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# WRITTEN APPLICATION

## APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in School?     YES     NO

If YES, name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

If NO, where did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you graduate?     YES     NO

Final grade completed & most recent or final GPA : \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Current Address: (Street) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an     Independent Student    or     Dependent Student

Are you currently employed?     YES     NO

If employed, where? \_\_\_\_\_     Full Time     Part Time

How did you hear about *The Jessi Combs Foundation Scholarship Program*?

- Web                                     Friend  
 Social Media                             Parent  
 News Article                             Other – Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Are you receiving other financial aid?     YES     NO

Have you applied for other scholarships?     YES     NO

Have you applied for financial aid?     YES     NO

If No, for other scholarships/financial aid, why not? \_\_\_\_\_



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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Have you selected or are you currently enrolled in a Trade School?  YES  NO

If YES, name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

If No, list three schools you are targeting: \_\_\_\_\_

What is or will be your area of focus? \_\_\_\_\_

What career field do you hope to pursue after graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECTED ANNUAL SCHOOL EXPENSES

Tuition..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room/Board or Other Housing Expenses..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Educational Expenses..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Expenses ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECTED SOURCES OF INCOME

Parents..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grants..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Income..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify me from being considered for this scholarship.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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