



COMMUNITY COLLEGE SURVEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

As the nation emerged from the Covid-19 pandemic and millions of Americans sought new skills to adjust to a changing labor market, a new survey fielded by Opportunity America, Lumina Foundation and Wilder Research explored the role of community colleges in providing fast, job-focused education and training.

As an incentive to participate in the survey, responding colleges were entered in a raffle drawing, and three winners received donations of up to \$10,000 to fund scholarships for noncredit workforce students.

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

[Jamestown Community College](#) is a small to medium-sized college in Jamestown, NY. Total enrollment, credit and noncredit: roughly 4,500. Some 64 percent of credit students are Pell Grant eligible. Carnegie classification: *associate college, high transfer*.

Scholarship program

Workforce readiness and adult learners are strategic priorities at Jamestown Community College. We work to address local and regional labor market needs with customized programs, flexible schedules, offerings aligned with job prospects and applied learning opportunities. The monies we receive from Opportunity America will be used to fund scholarships for workforce students pursuing training in machining and computer numerical control, industrial and building automation and addictions counseling. We anticipate 20 students in each of these program areas with an average award of \$500 each.

LAKESHORE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

[Lakeshore Technical College](#) is a small rural college in Cleveland, WI. Total enrollment, credit and noncredit: roughly 2,750. Some 51 percent of credit students are Pell Grant eligible. Carnegie classification: *associate college, high career and technical*.

Scholarship program

Lakeshore Technical College offers a variety of noncredit seminars for learners seeking to improve their position in the labor market: health care, business, technology, manufacturing and public safety. Among the most pressing needs this year is from five large regional plastics manufacturers, and we have developed a new workforce training seminar series to

help close the skills gap for entry-level plastics fabricators. Among the techniques that will be taught: rotomolded and injection molded plastics and 3D printing.

PARIS JUNIOR COLLEGE

[Paris Junior College](#) is a small to medium-sized college in Paris, TX. Total enrollment, credit and noncredit: roughly 4,850. Some 65 percent of credit students are Pell Grant eligible. Carnegie classification: *associate college, mixed transfer and career technical*.

Scholarship program

The Texas Reskilling and Upskilling Through Education (TRUE) initiative is providing grants to support colleges working with employers to develop short, career-focused, noncredit programs culminating in industry credentials for workers displaced by Covid-19. Paris Junior College received a TRUE grant and will begin offering short noncredit trainings in fall 2021. The funds we receive from Opportunity America will be used to provide scholarships for students in advanced manufacturing training. On completion of the program, learners will be prepared to work in the high-demand manufacturing jobs available in our region.