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**HCEF Presents 2025-2026**

**Mary and Bob Sierra Family Foundation**

**Non- Traditional Vocational/Trades Career Certification**

**Scholarship Application**

**(Application must be Typed)**

**\*Deadline Date: March 31st, 2026**

**The Mary and Bob Sierra Family Foundation Non-Traditional Scholarship is for a non-traditional**

**learner. This scholarship will pay $1,500 to the school administering the vocational /trades/career**

**certification for ten qualified students.**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Work Phone**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation(s):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Employer(s):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name and contact:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No**

**Household Size\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ # in College and Certification Program\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Household Income\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Intended Career Focus:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Address of Vocational/Trades/Career School accepted into at time of application:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\*I understand that information including my name, high school, college major, photo and other relevant details may be shared**

**publicly for recognition purposes.**

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**Student Signature Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature** **Date**

**Submission Requirements and Supporting Documents:**

*Handwritten applications will* ***NOT*** *be accepted. (No exceptions)*

***Requirements:***

* Must be a lawful citizen of the United States or lawful permanent resident.
* Must be a resident of Hernando County
* Must attend a technical, vocational, trade, career school in Florida
* Must work a minimum of 30+ hours a week
* Required to have a FAFSA Student Aid Index (SAI) of 1500 or below

**Documentation:**

* Submit one Letter of Recommendation from an employer within the past 2 years
* Submit copy(ies) of letters from an accredited Vocational/Trades/Career School in Florida
* Submit an Essay (Maximum 250 Word) Essay: “Why have you decided to continue your education and justify your financial need”.
* Submit a letter from the employer(s) Applicants must have demonstrated paid work experience

**Note:**

A Non-traditional student did not attend a post-secondary school immediately after high School and is financially independent from their parents, relying on their own income and typically has responsibilities well beyond a dependent student.