

# Press Release



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## **AASP-MN's Automotive Scholarships Up For Grabs**

Thanks to another successful fundraising drive within the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) membership, the association will be awarding scholarships to select students enrolled in post-secondary automotive (mechanical or collision) programs. Scholarship awards will be \$1,000 per student and can be applied towards tuition or tool purchases.

Recipients must be entering the second year of a two-year NATEF-certified automotive program in the fall of 2017. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of industry representatives, with consideration given to scholastic achievement, education and career goals, financial need and written recommendations. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2017.

Applications can be downloaded from the association's website, [www.aaspmn.org](http://www.aaspmn.org) or submitted online at [www.automotivescholarships.com/AASP-MN](http://www.automotivescholarships.com/AASP-MN). Online submissions give students the opportunity to compete for several different awards, including those offered by the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium Scholarship Committee and over 40 other automotive aftermarket organizations and companies. Specific requirements for each organization's awards can be found at [www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com).

The Education Fund was established in 2002 to provide financial resources to support automotive students, enhance automotive programs and raise awareness of career opportunities in the independent automotive service industry. Since that time, over \$190,000 has been distributed directly to students enrolled in automotive programs through the association's scholarship program and Skills USA competition. Last year, AASP-MN's efforts to attract a future workforce expanded significantly with the creation of Minnesota Careers in Automotive Repair and Service (MNCARS), a statewide initiative to encourage high school students to pursue an education and career in the automotive service and collision repair industry. Visit [www.carcareers.org](http://www.carcareers.org) to learn more.

*The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) is an association of independently-owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving the state's automotive service industry and the success of its members.*

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