

**Southwest Georgia Technical College, Foundation Inc.**

**Scholarship Policies and Procedures**

**John Deere TECH Scholarship**

**Made available by the John Deere Foundation for all programs**

**PURPOSE**

To assist SWGTC students enrolled in any program of study with education related expenses.

**PROCEDURES**

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a program of study at Southwest Georgia Technical College.

Applicant must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of study at Southwest Georgia Technical College.

Applicants must complete a SWGTC Scholarship Application form (Attachment A).

Applicants must compose an essay titled, "Why I chose (program of study) and my future career goals." (Maximum 250 words)

Applicants must obtain a letter of recommendation from a fulltime member of the SWGTC Faculty, high school counselor, clergy, or etc. The letter should communicate the author's observations of the student's potential to become a skilled employee in the student's field of study. Letters of recommendation must be on letterhead with a current date and an original signature.

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and must submit a copy of their transcript.

**REVIEW PROCESS**

The Executive Director of the Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation has established a committee to review John Deere TECH scholarship applications. Members of the committee include: Dean for Academic Affairs, Retention Coordinator, and the College Counselor.

The Committee will review independently completed a review of the applications and submit recommendation to the Executive Director for approval.

The primary intent of the scholarship program of the SWGTC Foundation is to assist students with tuition, fees, and book expenses through need-based and merit-based scholarships. For this reason, all scholarship applicants are required to apply for financial aid. Financial aid awards will be considered in the scholarship awards process.

Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation funded scholarships are to be used at Southwest Georgia Technical College only (Thomas County, Grady County, Mitchell County, and the Valdosta Technical College A.D.N. program) and are not transferrable to other institutions.

Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation scholarships are intended for approved educational related expenses only, as set forth in the scholarship policies. Any fraudulent use of scholarship funds or misrepresentation of expense to gain reimbursement will result in termination of scholarship funding and ineligibility to apply for future Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation scholarship funding opportunity.

Scholarship accounts that remain inactive for one year will be adjusted and unused funds will be transferred back to the SWGTC Foundation. Exceptions to this policy will be in cases where the length of time the scholarship can remain in the student's account before usage are outlined in the individual scholarship policy (such as the High School Scholarship and other recruitment-based scholarships).

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# John Deere TECH Scholarship Evaluation

## 1. Academic Achievement

### Grade Point Average

(90-100)	4.0	= 5 pts.
(85-89)	3.5-3.99	= 4 pts.
(80-84)	3.0-3.49	= 3 pts.
(74-79)	2.5-2.99	= 2 pts.
(70-73)	2.0-2.49	= 1 pts.

## 2. Essay

Followed criteria	= 1 - 5 pts.
Grammatically correct	= 1 - 5 pts.
Defined characteristics	= 1 - 5 pts.
Illustrated personal commitment	= 1 - 5 pts.
Compelling case	= 1 - 5 pts.

## 3. Faculty Evaluation

Supports student as recipient	= 1 - 5 pts.
Specific observations	= 1 - 5 pts.
Commonalities with essay	= 1 - 5 pts.

## Tie Breaker – Impromptu Speech

Followed criteria	= 20 pts.
Addressed topic	= 20 pts.
Organized points	= 20 pts.