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Grow Southeast Alabama Announces Workforce Development Scholarship

11 students in Southeast Alabama will receive \$1,000 to pursue trade and certification programs

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA – January 5, 2026 – Grow Southeast Alabama is now accepting applications for the Grow Southeast Alabama Workforce Development Scholarship. The scholarship program will award \$1,000 to one high school senior from each of the organization's 11 counties to support their pursuit of trade or certification programs at community colleges in the region.

High school seniors from Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Pike Counties are encouraged to apply. The scholarship is designed to support students who are committed to building careers in skilled trades and technical fields that are vital to the economic growth of Southeast Alabama.

"Investing in our young people and supporting their career aspirations in the skilled trades is essential to the continued growth and prosperity of our region," said Holle Smith, President of Grow Southeast Alabama. "This scholarship program aims to remove financial barriers and encourage more students to pursue rewarding careers in high-demand technical fields."

The application process is simple and straightforward, with applications being accepted through Friday, March 13, 2026. Selected scholarship recipients will be announced following the application deadline.

Scholarship Details:

- **Eligibility:** High school seniors in Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Pike Counties
- **Award Amount:** \$1,000 per student (one student per county)
- **Program Focus:** Trade or certification programs at community colleges in Southeast Alabama
- **Application Deadline:** Friday, March 13, 2026
- **How to Apply:** Visit <https://growsoutheastalabama.com/workforce-development-scholarship-program/>

For more information about the Grow Southeast Alabama Workforce Development Scholarship or assistance with the application process, please contact Executive Director Melody Lee at melody@growsoutheastalabama.com.

About Grow Southeast Alabama *Grow Southeast Alabama is a regional economic development organization serving 11 counties in Southeast Alabama. The organization is dedicated to fostering economic growth, workforce development, and quality of life improvements throughout the region.*