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## **Knox County Mayor's TCAT Scholarship Application Live**

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*—Earlier this year Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs donated \$5,000 of his salary to the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Knoxville to help start a new scholarship fund for the school.

The Knox County Mayor's Applied Technology Scholarship will benefit a Knox County employee's child—including adoptive, biological, legal or step—who is a student at TCAT Knoxville. The scholarship recipient's parent/guardian must have at least one-year tenure with Knox County, verified by Human Resources.

"While the college and university track is vitally important, so is career and technical education," said Mayor Jacobs. "Because skilled tradespeople are retiring from their fields faster than we can train and certify young people to take over their work, there are currently tremendous opportunities in the trades. It's more important than ever to celebrate career and technical education as the valuable resource that it is!"

Among other things, the application requires a copy of a high school transcript, a short essay and a list of activities and/or academic and nonacademic community involvement.

"Mayor Jacobs has consistently supported TCAT Knoxville and now he is taking it up a notch by investing in the families and children of Knox County employees and promoting education in the skilled trades," said TCAT Knoxville President Kelli Chaney. "I look forward to meeting the employees of Knox County and their children as they utilize the Mayor's scholarship to enroll in world-class job training programs at TCAT Knoxville. I know this scholarship will provide a game-changing opportunity for students, help create a pipeline of skilled labor, and will assist in community and economic development."

For more information on the scholarship, please contact TCAT Knoxville.