

Donor Spotlight

The Grainger Foundation

Since 2008, The Grainger Foundation has provided more than \$42,000 in scholarships to Bucks County Community College (BCCC) students studying to be emergency management and public safety professionals.

The Grainger Foundation, an independent, private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois, was established in 1949 by William W. Grainger, founder of W.W. Grainger, Inc. The Grainger Scholarship was recommended by Richard Smith, recently retired manager of the company's Warminster branch. His successor, Dan Adamcik, proudly continues the tradition of support. Grainger has been a part of the Pennsylvania business community for 85 years providing supplies and equipment needed to keep local businesses up and running. "We are proud to recommend the programs offered by BCCC," said Adamcik. "We understand that one of the best ways to invest in our community is to contribute to the education of our workforce. We are excited to partner with BCCC to help support and encourage the students for future success."

To help ensure that there are enough trained people for the trades, the company is investing in the future of the workforce through the Grainger Tools for Tomorrow® scholarship program. Grainger's vision is to create an environment that makes the training and advancement of the skilled trades a priority. The Grainger Tools for Tomorrow® scholarship program awards financial assistance for tuition and books to outstanding students earning an associate's degree or certificate in the fields of electrical, plumbing, welding, construction, facilities maintenance, machine technology, electronic systems, automotive repair and other industrial programs.

For the 2012 – 2013 academic year, Grainger has offered 100 community colleges across the U.S. two, \$2,000 scholarships for students enrolled in an industrial trades program. One-half of the scholarships are earmarked for military veteran students. "Veterans have a proven work ethic, and strong focus on their career goals," said Adamcik. Grainger also helps students prepare for employment after graduation. For example, Grainger scholarship recipients receive a Westward toolkit, including necessary tools for their occupation, upon graduation.

Grainger plans to continue the partnership with BCCC and the support of its students. For more information about Grainger, visit www.grainger.com/technicaleducation.

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Tobias Bruhn, Executive Director of the BCCC Foundation, thanks Rick Boudreau (left), Grainger's District Director of Customer Service, and Dan Adamcik (right), Manager of Grainger's Warminster branch.