

## Purpose

The Ivan K Blough training fund assists Chamber Member employees with continuing education through third-party training.

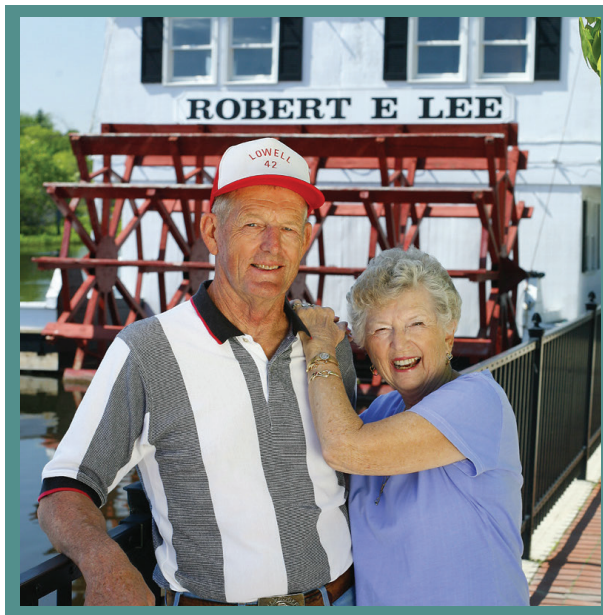
Training examples include but are not limited to:

- In-person Seminars
- Online Training Courses,
- Certification Programs
- And more!

## Eligibility

### ELIGIBLE USES:

- Applicant must be an employee of a Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Member in good standing.
- The request must benefit the Chamber Member's business.
- Demonstrate a history of volunteer service within the past year within the Greater Lowell area. If you are seeking additional volunteer opportunities, ask the Chamber for its list of nonprofit Members.



## The Legacy

In June 2010, the Lowell community lost a beloved figure, Ivan K. Blough. To honor his legacy and passion for hands-on service and community involvement, the Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation and the Blough family established a perpetual scholarship endowment through the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. This scholarship reflects Mr. Blough's strong belief in volunteerism, aiming not only to support the next generation of skilled trade professionals but also to cultivate engaged, empathetic individuals through meaningful community service.

The Ivan K. Blough Scholarship Fund empowers community members to develop valuable career skills across various industries while gaining life experience that fosters leadership, responsibility, and personal growth. By supporting this funding program, we invest in the future of our local workforce, strengthen employee development and retention, and help to build a resilient, thriving local economy - all in the spirit of Ivan K. Blough's enduring legacy.

# IVAN K BLOUGH TRAINING Fund

Funding for skills training  
for Chamber Member employees



# How to Apply

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Along with your application, provide a written letter introducing yourself, your Chamber business, and the training goal(s). Be sure to list the specific training/course, location, start/end date, and cost. Alternative: Instead of a written letter, video introductions may be emailed to [info@lowellchamber.org](mailto:info@lowellchamber.org). Please ensure your video has adequate lighting and sound quality before submitting.
- Demonstrate a history of volunteer service, either in a separate attachment or in your written letter.
- At least one letter of recommendation to support the funding request.

## APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

Funding requests should be submitted electronically online at [DiscoverLowell.org/ikb-scholarship](https://DiscoverLowell.org/ikb-scholarship). The Scholarship Committee meets as needed to review submitted applications. Please allow 3-4 weeks for the committee to meet and respond to the funding request. All scholarship awards are at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

# Delivery of Funds

The maximum award per calendar year, per Member business, is up to \$2,500. Awards are paid as a reimbursement to the Member business once the course/training has been completed. The applicant will be asked to provide proof of completion.



LEARN MORE AND COMPLETE YOUR FUNDING REQUEST AT [discoverLowell.org/ikb-scholarship](https://DiscoverLowell.org/ikb-scholarship).

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