**STOP (Sargent Trade Opportunity Program)**

**Program Details**

The purpose of this program is to recruit and educate students from Sargent or that have Sargent ties who will return to practice their trade in Sargent.  This program represents a commitment to provide these needed services for the community of Sargent and to encourage our students to return to our town.

**Benefits of the Program**

All STOP participants receive educational assistance in the form of a forgivable loan.

These monies can be used for:

* tuition
* materials
* equipment
* certification/license fees
* tools
* etc.

**Options**

* Heating/Air conditioning
* Welding
* Electrician
* Plumbing
* Mechanic
* Construction
* Other trade field that would benefit the Sargent community

**Who Can Apply?**

* Sargent alumni
* People with a sincere interest in practicing their trade in Sargent

**Steps to Apply**

1.  Application

* + anticipated cost
  + business plan/vision
  + estimated date of graduation

2.  Interview

**Program Standards**

* Must maintain good academic standing
* Must stay on track towards program completion
* Must return to Sargent and provide that trade/service

Business start-up assistance may be available through the Sargent Area Economic Development group upon your return to Sargent.

Awards will be determined by the STOP program committee based on your qualifications and need in our community.

**Check one program of interest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  Heating/Air Conditioning        \_\_\_\_\_  Electrician        \_\_\_\_\_  Plumber

\_\_\_\_\_  Mechanic                                \_\_\_\_\_   Welding           \_\_\_\_\_  Construction

\_\_\_\_\_  Other

**Applicant Information:**

Last Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   First \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_           MI \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, NE  Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_           Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated tuition and fees :** (tuition, tools, license/certification fee, etc.)

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| **Item:** | **Estimated cost:** |
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Anticipated graduation date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On a separate piece of paper, type a one-page essay that describes why you want to be a trade professional and why you should be admitted to the STOP program.  Please include your plan for coming back to Sargent and becoming a productive member of our community.  Describe why you feel your service will be a benefit to Sargent.

Provide 2 letters of reference from non-family members.

To the best of my knowledge the above information is correct.

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**Signature of Applicant                                Date**

**A complete application and materials includes:**

**\_\_\_\_\_ application form**

**\_\_\_\_\_ one-page essay**

**\_\_\_\_\_   Official copy of high school transcripts**

**\_\_\_\_\_   Official copy of college transcripts (if applicable)**

**\_\_\_\_\_   Two letters of recommendation**

**\_\_\_\_\_   Successful admission to certified program**

Please mail requested materials to Sargent Area Economic Development, Attention STOP Committee, PO Box 232, Sargent, NE  68874.