

Edgerton / CCC Trades Science Program: *Sponsorship Opportunities*

Join Us in Building Nebraska's Future!

The Edgerton / CCC Trades Science Program gives students across Nebraska the opportunity to roll up their sleeves, pick up real tools, and discover the science behind the trades. Through hands-on labs and demonstrations, students explore construction, welding, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems—while also strengthening their understanding of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

By sponsoring a Trades Science Program, you make it possible for Edgerton educators to travel to schools and communities, providing all materials, instruction, and guidance needed for an unforgettable learning experience. Your support helps spark curiosity, connect students to high-demand careers, and ensure that every child—no matter where they live—can see themselves as a builder, creator, and innovator.

Become a Trades Science Sponsor Today!

Together, we can inspire the next generation of Nebraska's skilled workforce and empower students to turn curiosity into careers.

Sponsorship Levels

Field Trip Scholarship Sponsor – \$9 per student + transportation

Covers: *Make an immediate impact by covering travel and field trip program costs for one school to participate in a full day of Trades Science & STEM experiences at the Edgerton Explorit Center. Your sponsorship helps make hands-on learning possible for all students! Your sponsorship includes recognition and a photo thank-you from the students you support.*

Includes:

- Your sponsorship covers the cost for each student to attend a field trip to the Edgerton Explorit Center—multiplied by the number of students in the group—along with travel expenses for the school.
- Each field trip experience includes two live Trades or STEM demonstrations, or a combination of one demonstration and one hands-on lab.
- Invitation to participate in the field trip alongside the sponsored school.

Recognition:

- Invitation to participate in the field trip alongside a local school.
- Featured recognition on Edgerton's social media, website, newsletters, and event marketing—celebrating your commitment to inspiring Nebraska's next generation.
- Opportunity to collaborate on curriculum or special exhibits related to your industry.



To become a sponsor, contact **Mary Molliconi**, mary@edgerton.org or 402-694-4032

TradeWorks Classroom Sponsor – \$400

Covers: *Sponsors provide funding for a program where teachers can choose between a live Trades Science demonstration or a hands-on Trades lab experience. Demonstrations can accommodate any number of students, while hands-on labs are limited to 25 participants to ensure every student receives the best possible learning experience.*

Recognition:

- Invitation to participate in hands-on day at the sponsored school.
 - Featured recognition on Edgerton’s social media, website, newsletters, and event marketing—celebrating your commitment to inspiring Nebraska’s next generation.
 - Opportunity to collaborate on curriculum or special exhibits related to your industry.
 - Company name included in student thank-you letters or class videos.
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Invent, Build Workshop Sponsor – \$1,000

Covers: *A half-day Trades Science program with four lab stations or mini workshops. Hands-on labs and some workshops are limited to 25 participants to ensure the best learning experience for every student.*

Recognition:

- Invitation to participate in hands-on day at sponsored school.
 - Featured recognition on Edgerton’s social media, website, newsletters, and event marketing—celebrating your commitment to inspiring Nebraska’s next generation.
 - Opportunity to collaborate on curriculum or special exhibits related to your industry.
 - Company name included in student thank-you letters or class videos.
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Science & Sparks Day Sponsor – \$1,950

Covers: *A full day of Trades Science and Edgerton On The Move programs at a school of your choice.*

Includes:

6 labs or demonstrations
Traveling Explorit Zone brings the excitement of interactive science and trades exploration directly to schools, inspiring curiosity and discovery through engaging, hands-on exhibits.

Recognition:

- Invitation to participate in hands-on day at a local school
- Featured recognition on Edgerton’s social media, website, newsletters, and event marketing—celebrating your commitment to inspiring Nebraska’s next generation.
- Opportunity to collaborate on curriculum or special exhibits related to your industry.
- Company name included in student thank-you letters or class videos.

Family Trades Night Sponsor – \$1,000

Covers: *An evening program for families to explore Edgerton On The Move and trades-themed exhibits and activities together.*

Includes:

- Live Demonstration of your choice from Edgerton On The Move and Trades Science offerings
- Traveling Explorit Zone brings the excitement of interactive science and trades exploration directly to schools, inspiring curiosity and discovery through engaging, hands-on exhibits.
- Creates an opportunity for families to discover trades careers together, sharing an unforgettable hands-on learning experience.

Recognition:

- Invitation to participate in hands-on day at a local school
- Featured recognition on Edgerton's social media, website, newsletters, and event marketing—celebrating your commitment to inspiring Nebraska's next generation.
- Opportunity to collaborate on curriculum or special exhibits related to your industry.
- Company name included in student thank-you letters or class videos.

Build the Future: Science & Trades Explosion Day Sponsor – \$3,050

Covers: *A two-day school or community event featuring the full Edgerton On The Move and Trades Science experience, bringing hands-on learning, live demonstrations, and interactive exhibits to students and families.*

This high-impact program includes multiple STEM and Trades Science labs, live demonstrations, and the Traveling Explorit Zone, where participants explore construction, engineering, and innovation through real-world science connections. Educators, students, and community members come together to celebrate learning that builds both curiosity and career awareness.

Includes:

- 10 Demonstrations and/or labs of your choice.
- Traveling Explorit Zone brings the excitement of interactive science and trades exploration directly to schools, inspiring curiosity and discovery through engaging, hands-on exhibits.
- Family engagement night, which creates an opportunity for families to discover trades careers together, sharing an unforgettable hands-on learning experience.

Recognition:

- Invitation to participate in hands-on day at a local school
- Featured recognition on Edgerton's social media, website, newsletters, and event marketing—celebrating your commitment to inspiring Nebraska's next generation.
- Opportunity to collaborate on curriculum or special exhibits related to your industry.
- Company name included in student thank-you letters or class videos.

Equipment & Exhibit Sponsor – \$2,500–\$10,000

Covers: *The creation of Trades Science exhibits, simulators, and educational stations that bring hands-on learning to life for students of all ages. These sponsorships are highly collaborative - offering businesses, community partners, and individuals the chance to work directly with the Edgerton Explorit Center and Central Community College teams to design meaningful, industry-inspired learning experiences.*

Each sponsored exhibit helps connect students to real-world skills in construction, electrical systems, welding, mechanics, and engineering - while also reinforcing science, technology, and innovation. Sponsors may choose to fund new exhibit builds, adopt existing exhibits in need of upgrades, or contribute to portable versions that can travel as part of the Trades On The Move mobile experience.

Exhibit Examples:

- \$2,500: Wood for the Trades Science open frame exhibit area
- \$5,000: CNC Router
- \$10,000: Welding simulator

Recognition:

- Co-branded signage on Explorit Zone and traveling exhibits you have sponsored
- Permanent plaque on sponsored exhibit
- Featured recognition on Edgerton’s social media, website, newsletters, and event marketing—celebrating your commitment to inspiring Nebraska’s next generation.
- Option to name exhibit
- **Exclusive \$5,000+ Sponsor Benefit:** Complimentary admission for all company employees to the Edgerton Explorit Center—sharing in the same excitement for science and discovery that your generosity brings to Nebraska’s students.

Workforce Legacy Partner - \$25,000+

Covers: *Multi-year support for Trades Science expansion, staffing, and workforce programming.*

Recognition:

Naming rights for an “Edgerton TradeWorks Lab”.

Featured recognition on Edgerton’s social media, website, newsletters, and event marketing—celebrating your commitment to inspiring Nebraska’s next generation.

Exclusive benefit: All of your company’s employees receive free admission to the Edgerton Explorit Center, so they can experience the same spirit of curiosity and discovery your support makes possible for students across Nebraska.

Exclusive invitation to school visits and Edgerton events.

Please note: Program fees do not include travel costs. Round-trip mileage and travel expenses will be added based on location.

All Sponsors receive a tax-deductible receipt for charitable support.

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