

Paul O'Leary Memorial Idaho/Montana Section Named Scholarship

Scholarship Application Package

To provide funds for students who live or attend college in Montana and are enrolled full-time in 2-year or 4-year post secondary welding or metallurgy programs.

**Provided through the AWS Foundation, Inc.
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Doral, Florida 33166**



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Building Welding's Future through Education

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Introduction

Paul O'Leary was a dedicated welding professional who influenced the lives of his welding students as well as welding professionals throughout the Northwest. Paul grew up at the Staghorn Ranch, where he worked as a dude wrangler and hunting guide. After graduating from Butte High in 1966, he joined the Air Force for four years and then returned to Butte to work as a boilermaker in the Berkeley Garage. At the same time he attended Montana Tech in Butte, MT and graduated in 1976 with a degree in metallurgical engineering. His life's passion for welding and metal fabrication took him to Alaska to work on the pipeline, Tennessee and Arizona to build nuclear power plants, and Indonesia to teach welding. He also helped build steam and hydro plants. He began employment at Montana Tech in 1979, where he developed the Welding Engineering program. He retired in 2002 but continued operating his own business, Welding Services, a business dedicated to quality work for industry. He trained thousands of welders and inspected welds in hundreds of buildings. Paul was a hard worker and described work as play for him.

Purpose

This scholarship honors Paul's dedication to hard work, academics, welding, and his love for Montana. To be considered for this scholarship one must provide evidence of a strong work background, hands-on welding experience, academic excellence, and a residency or college tie to Montana.

Eligibility

The Paul O'Leary Memorial – Idaho/Montana Section Named Scholarship will be awarded to assist Montana-linked welding or metallurgy students.

1. Applicant must be a minimum of eighteen years of age.
2. Applicant must have a minimum high school diploma.
3. Applicant must have a 2.5 overall grade point average with a minimum of 3.0 in welding or metallurgy courses.
4. Student must be enrolled full time in a 2- or 4-year welding or metallurgy program.
5. Proof of financial need is required to qualify.
6. Applicant must submit all required application information.
7. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States and attend an academic institution located in Montana and/or be a resident of Montana.

8. Applicants may reapply; however, persons who have received this award must reapply and may be granted the award for a maximum of 2 years for a 2-year program or 4 years for a 4-year program.
9. Applicant must have a documented work history that includes hands-on welding experience verified by an employer letter of recommendation.

The award will be presented to individuals who reside and/or attend school in Montana. Applicant does not have to be a member of the American Welding Society.

The AWS Foundation does not discriminate by age, race, color, national origin, disability, creed, or gender.

Selection

The Selection Committee, comprised of Section board members, will determine award recipient in the late spring or early summer of each year.

Awards

The yearly scholarship award of \$500 is for tuition and fees only, and will be paid directly to the academic institution by the AWS Foundation.

No awards will be paid to the recipient.

Application Information

Procedure

Applicant must submit the following:

1. Application (form)
2. Two letters of reference **only** - one documenting a work history that includes hands-on welding experience and the other documenting your ambitions, goals, leadership, community service, and any other factors to assist the committee in judging your eligibility for a welding or metallurgy scholarship.
3. Personal Statement – at a minimum include the following:
 - Creativity in solving problems
 - Demonstrated ability to use initiative
 - Ability to work well with others
 - Organizational skills (ability to handle multiple tasks, time management)
 - Participation in class, campus and outside organizations
 - Participation in AWS Student and Section activities
 - General background information
 - Career objectives related to welding or metallurgy.
4. Original Official Transcript(s) sent directly from the college or university; high school students entering their first year of a welding or metallurgy program must provide an original official high school transcript.
5. Statement of Unmet Financial Need completed by an accredited academic institution even if no FAFSA was filed
6. Verification of Enrollment completed by college or university

7. Essay – “Why I Want to Pursue a Career in Welding or Metallurgy.”
All essays should be 300-500 words in length, typewritten, and double-spaced.

Please note: Recipients may be asked to submit a 5 x 7 head and shoulders color photograph for publicity purposes.

Deadline

The deadline for the application is March 1 for the following Fall term.

For More Information

Please contact:

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800-443-9353, extension 250
305-445-6628
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Deadline for Submission:
March 1
(Print in dark ink or type)

Please Return To:
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Social Security Number _____ Are you an AWS member? Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Applicant's Name _____ Email address _____

Current Address _____
Number Street Apt. No.

Home Phone Number () _____
City State Zip

Are you a U. S. Citizen? Yes _____ No _____ If no, Country _____ Are you at least 18 years of age? _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____
(If under 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian's Address _____
Number Street Apt. No.

City State Zip

Parent/Guardian's Home Phone Number () _____ Work Phone Number () _____

Are you employed ? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please give the following:

EMPLOYER'S NAME _____

Employer's Address _____
Number Street Apt. No.

Employer's Phone Number () _____
City State Zip

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY _____

Address _____
Number Street

City State Zip

Contact at College/University _____ Phone Number () _____

Proposed Major Area of Study _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

I affirm the information that I have (will) provided on this application, or any supportive materials, is (will be) complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that furnishing false information may result in not being considered or revocation of financial aid at some later date.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ If under 18 years of age Date _____

LIST OF SCHOOLS YOU PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED (From High School through the Present)

Name of School	Address	Date Attended

*** Attach a transcript from all previous institutions attended ***

DEMONSTRATED WELDING EXCELLENCE (Include School/Community Activities/Honors & welding work experience)

Activity	Year	Offices & Honors

WORK EXPERIENCE (Include present and previous employment, and use additional paper if required)

Year	Company Name	Job Description (be specific)

FINANCIAL AID REPORT (List previous and current educational scholarships, grants, loans, work-study, or student employment.) Attach a copy of your Student Financial Aid Form even if no financial aid was received.

Date	Institution and Location	Type of Aid	Amount

LIST OF PERSONAL REFERENCES:

Name	Street/City/State/Zip	Occupation	Phone number

PERSONAL STATEMENT – Attach a supplementary sheet to give information about your ambitions, goals, background, leadership, and any other factors that would assist the committee in judging your eligibility.

ESSAY – In 300-500 words, please provide your thoughts on the following topic. Essays are **required** to be typewritten.

“Why I Want to Pursue a Career in Welding or Metallurgy”



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Verification of Enrollment

Dear Admissions/Registrar:

This student is applying for a scholarship from the American Welding Society through the AWS Foundation. Please complete the information requested below for verification of the student's acceptance to this academic institution.

In addition, please verify the student's current enrollment status and total number of hours completed. This information should be included in the student's scholarship application package. Thank you.

AWS Foundation, Inc.

To be completed by Student:

I authorize the above requested information to be released to the AWS Foundation, Inc. in connection with my application for an AWS Scholarship.

Student

Academic Institution

Social Security Number

Date

To be completed by Admissions/Registrar:

Student

Academic Institution

Date of Acceptance to this Institution: _____

Is this student currently enrolled? _____ Is the student part time or full time? _____

Course of study currently enrolled: _____

Number of Academic Hours Completed: _____

Student State: (circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other

Signature _____ Title _____

Print Name _____ Telephone (_____) _____



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Statement of Unmet Financial Need

ATTENTION OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

This student is applying for a scholarship from the American Welding Society through the AWS Foundation. Please complete the information requested below for verification of the student's statement of unmet financial need, or attach an official letter from the Office of Financial Aid indicating the student's current budget, needs analysis, and financial aid awards, including scholarships.

Thank You,
AWS Foundation, Inc.

To be completed by Student:

I authorize the above requested financial aid information to be released to the AWS Foundation in connection with my application for an AWS Scholarship.

Student Signature

Academic Institution

Social Security Number

Date

(over)

