AWS JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

There is no scheduled meeting for the month of January.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

FRIDAY February 6 2015 we will be holding our local skill USA competition and we will be needing judges and prizes for the contest. Times start at 9:00 am till 2:00 pm. We also looking for local for job shadow sites and senior placement job opportunities. Donations of practice materials as well as needed and appreciated.
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CCCTC
Welding Instructor
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February 12, 2015 will be a Plant Tour at CMI-EFCO (originally Electric Furnace) in Salem Oh. More details will follow in February meeting notice. This will be a joint meeting with Warren ASM who is hosting the tour. RSVP’s will be required.

May 1, 2015 the Mahoning Valley Section will be hosting the DISTRICT 10 Annual Meeting at Avalon Inn in Howland. Details will be available soon.

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STUDENTS: ITS TIME TO APPLY FOR DISTRICT 10 SCHOLARSHIPS
The deadline is March 1, 2015
District Scholarship Program
What kind of financial aid is available through the AWS District Scholarship Program?
AWS offers scholarship funds that, once awarded, are payable directly to the school to which you have been accepted. It will cover the cost of tuition, books, supplies and related institutional costs.
How do I apply for financial assistance?
To participate in the District Scholarship Program, download and complete the online application, supply the requested documents and information, and pack them in an envelope. Mail the package to the AWS Foundation 8669 Doral Blvd., Suite 130, Doral, FL 33166, Attention Nazdha Prado-Pulido, Coordinator, Foundation.

When should I apply?
Actually, you can apply any time. The deadline for receiving applications at the Foundation office, however, is March 1. Scholarships are awarded usually from May to June, with the funds made available for the coming fall term.
An approved scholarship is good for the entire fiscal year (June - May 31). That means if you skip the fall semester, you could still receive assistance for the spring term within the year your aid has been awarded.
If you do not use the entire scholarship during the fiscal year, the remainder will be returned to the AWS Foundation Scholarship Fund.
You must apply for each year you wish to receive aid. For example, if you were awarded a scholarship for this year, you must reapply for aid for the coming year. Awardees are selected by the District Scholarship Committee.
Selections are affected by the number of applicants, their respective qualifications and funds available. If you are selected to receive a scholarship during any fiscal year, AWS is not obligated to continue financial assistance for subsequent years.
Whether or not you have been selected for a scholarship, you will be notified by mail.
What eligibility requirements must I meet?
Most importantly, you must be enrolled in a welding-related educational or training program.
You must also be a high school graduate or possess a GED equivalent.
The school you attend must be in the United States or its territories, except for international scholarships.
You must also fill out the scholarship application and provide any documentation requested in the application instructions.
You are not required to be a member of the American Welding Society. As a matter of fact, if you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive a yearlong, full membership to the Society. If you are already a member, your membership will be extended for a year.
Can I apply for other types of assistance?
You may apply for any other grants or scholarships as your needs dictate. See the other listings at this web address for other AWS Foundation offerings. You may also contact your student financial aid office at your school for sources outside the Society.
Which school should I attend?
Since you are required to pursue a welding or materials joining program to be eligible for this scholarship, it makes sense to select a school that offers strong curricula in that field.
May I change my field of study without losing financial assistance?
As the purpose of this scholarship program is to promote welding education, any decision affecting your field of study has a direct bearing on your eligibility. If you change your field of study to something other than welding, you will forfeit any future assistance from the AWS Foundation. If you wish to modify your courses or your field of study and are not sure how it affects your eligibility, contact the AWS Foundation office for guidance.
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In addition to the application form, you must enclose the following:

- **Statement of Unmet Financial Need**
  You must attach the *Statement of Unmet Need Form*, which must be completed by the financial aid office at your school indicating your current student budget, needs analysis, and financial aid awards, including scholarships.

- **Transcript(s)**
  You must submit official scholastic records or grade transcripts showing you attended a high school, trade school, college or university.

- **Personal Statement**
  Write down your ambitions, goals, background and other factors that will help the selection committee understand your commitment to pursuing welding education. If you have had prior welding experience, you must indicate how your proposed welding curriculum and chosen school will help you fulfill your educational goals.

- **Biography and Photo**
  One of the criteria for receiving financial aid is that you must share your successes with others. Be prepared to submit a photograph of yourself and a brief biography to help in preparing a student success story to promote future scholarship programs.
Students Invited to Apply to Attend the 2015 AWS Leadership Symposium
AWS is seeking applications from students who wish to attend the 2015 Leadership Symposium, July 26 — 29, at AWS Headquarters, in Miami, FL. Up to four students will be selected to attend.

Application deadline is February 13, 2015!

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements for Student Applicants:
1. Active AWS Member (Student or Individual)
2. Must be 18 years of age or older at the time of the AWS Leadership Symposium
3. Must be a student at the time of the AWS Leadership Symposium
4. Exceptional leadership skills
5. Outstanding school and community achievements
6. Exhibits potential of becoming a future AWS Section Leader
7. Must submit an AWS Leadership Symposium Student Application to National by February 13th

[Download 2015 AWS Leadership Symposium Student Application]

Applications received by February 13th will be forwarded by National to AWS District Directors for their District selection. The AWS Membership Committee will make the final selection of up to four students at their Spring 2015 meeting. If you've already sent in your application, please disregard this message.

If you know of a student whose activities have produced outstanding school and community achievements and who exhibits exceptional leadership skills, the AWS Leadership Symposium will provide an excellent opportunity for him or her to grow these qualities and become a future AWS Section leader.