Reading Section
District III
Of The
AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY

Student Scholarship Handbook and Application

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Dedicated to Supporting Education in Welding and Related Technologies
Somewhere to turn when in need...

The American Welding Society, through its AWS Foundation, has established a wide-ranging scholarship program for students like you. As long as you qualify, you can receive financial assistance to support your interest in studying welding or material joining at a bona fide educational or training institution.

Finding the aid that works for you

Several kinds of financial assistance programs are available. They are organized by the kind of training you are looking for. Categories are:

- Section Scholarship Programs
- District Scholarship Programs
- International Scholarship Programs
- Student Loan Programs
- Fellowships

This booklet is geared specifically to the Reading Section Scholarship

To get information on the other programs contact:

AWS Foundation, Suite 400
550 NW LeJeune Rd.
Miami, FL 33126
(800) 443-9353 ext. 293
Fax (305) 443-7559
e-mail: found@aws.org

Applicants can apply for more than one program at the same time. Except for the submission deadline date, the Reading Section and the District Scholarships request the same criteria on their applications. The District Scholarship is processed through The Foundation in Miami so obtain a district handbook and application. You are encouraged to apply early for both.

AWS Reading Section Scholarship

Restricted Qualifications

All applicants must live in the boundaries of District III of the American Welding Society. In addition, applicants living within the Reading Section boundaries will have selection priority. The scholarship will be awarded to applicants outside the Reading Section in District III only when no one with-in the section applies.

Applicants must have a real interest and desire to advance his/her education and training in the field of welding or materials joining or welding intensive education...metallurgy, chemistry, physics, engineering, blue-print reading, etc.

You must be a US Citizen.

All applications must be received by March 1.

Amount of Scholarships: $500.00
subject to increase over the years
Application Instructions:

Most of the information requested on the application form is self-explanatory. Fill out the form completely. The more information you provide, the better the Scholarship Committee will know how to determine your eligibility.

In addition to the application form you must enclose the following:

Financial Aid Statement
You must attach an official letter generated by the financial aid office at your school indicating your current student budget, needs analysis, and financial aid awards, including scholarships. Contact the financial aid office to obtain this aid information, as you will need to sign a release form.

Transcript(s)
You must submit official scholastic records or grade transcripts showing you attend 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 education goals.

Biography and Photo
One of the criteria of 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.

Application Completion Checklist

Have you:

- Filled out the application completely, signed it and have you had a parent sign if you are a minor?
- Supplied the financial aid statement from your school's financial aid office?
- Include transcripts from all applicable schools (high school, trade school, college or university)?
- Prepared a personal statement of your career goals?
- Mentioned the welding instructor who influenced you the most in choosing a welding-related career on the line provided in your application?

Detach application along the dotted line and send to:

Merilyn McLaughlin
AWS Reading Section, Scholarship Liaison
55 Congo Road
Gilbertsville, PA 19525-9461

"Return Receipt Requested" mail
Phone: 610-369-0183
AWS Reading Section
Scholarship Application

Social Security Number __________________________ Date of Application __________________________

Applicant’s Name ___________________________________________________________

Current Address ____________________________________________________________

Home Phone Number __________________________ Work Phone Number __________________________

Sex: Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth __________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Name ______________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Address ____________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Home Phone Number __________________________ Work Phone Number __________________________

Are you employed? If so, please provide the following:

Employer’s Name ___________________________________________________________

Employer’s Address __________________________________________________________

Employer’s Phone Number __________________________ Supervisor’s Name __________________________

Proposed School (Institute, College or University) __________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

Contact at Proposed School __________________________ Phone Number __________________________

Proposed Major Area of Study __________________________ Expected Date of Graduation __________________________

I affirm that the information I have provided on this application and the supporting materials is 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.

Applicant Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

The American Welding Society or the AWS Foundation does not discriminate by age, race, color, national origin, creed or gender.

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List Schools You Have Attended (High School to Present)

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*** Attach a transcript from all previous schools attended. ***

Activities Record (Include School and Community Activities and Honors)
Indicate in the spaces provided the grade levels in which you participated in the listed activity.

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Work Experience (Include present and previous employment)
Total number of hours worked per week _______ Total amount earned per week $ _______

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Financial Aid Report
- A student attending a community college or university undergraduate program should attach an official letter generated by the financial aid office at that school indicating your current student budget, needs analysis, and financial aid awards, including scholarships even if no financial aid was received. - A student attending a vocational or welding training program should have the training institution develop an analysis of tuition, materials, supplies, books, room and board or other applicable costs to attach to this application.
- In addition, provide a list of previous and current educational scholarships, grants, loans, work-study or student employment.

List of Personal References

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Career Influence: Which welding instructor influenced you most to make welding your career choice?

Instructor's Name: ________________________ School or Educational Institute: ________________________

*** Attach a personal statement that would assist in judging your eligibility. ***
Some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Financial Assistance from the AWS Foundation

What kind of financial aid is available from AWS’s Reading Section?
AWS offers scholarship funds that, once awarded, are payable directly to the school to which you have been accepted. It will be applied to the cost of tuition, books, supplies and related institutional costs including on-campus housing and food if they are an obstacle for attendance.

How do I apply for financial assistance?
Applications may be accepted from full or part-time students and/or students accepted for study at the schools’ department of welding or engineering technology or accredited institutes of welding training.

Complete the application in this pamphlet, supply the requested documents and information and mail package to the AWS Reading Section Liaison.

When should I apply?
Students may apply at any time. Applications must be received by March 1st. They are reviewed once in March & awarded in April-May. They must be renewed through re-application yearly. Subsequent scholarships are not guaranteed.

Scholarship award is for use within one year. Unused amounts will return to the AWS Reading Section Scholarship Fund.

Can I apply for other types of assistance?
You may apply for any other grants or scholarships as your needs dictate. See the “Somewhere to turn when in need” page in this pamphlet for other sources through the AWS Foundation. You may also contact your student financial aid office at your school for sources outside the Society.

What eligibility requirements must I have in addition to the restricted qualifications?
- Most important, you must be enrolled in a welding-related education 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.
- You must also fill out the scholarship application and provide any documentation requested in the application instructions.
- You are 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.

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, decisions 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 Reading Section. If you wish to modify your courses or your field of study and are not sure how it affects your eligibility, contact the section liaison.