AWS Tidewater Virginia Section Scholarship

Introduction

The AWS Tidewater Virginia Section has provided this scholarship to encourage students to pursue a college degree in Welding Engineering, Materials Joining Engineering, Welding Engineering Technology and Materials Joining Engineering Technology. The Section is comprised of Welding Professionals engaged in Shipbuilding, Heavy and Light Fabrication, Research and Design, Education, Equipment Solutions, Sales and Integration. The Section promotes training opportunities starting with the Boy Scouts, followed by high school level programs and then workforce development courses. Our desire is to see applicants achieve higher education and then apply this to welding related fields in the Tidewater Area or the greater areas of Virginia.

Purpose

This scholarship is provided to encourage students to further their education beyond High School in the fields of Welding Engineering, Materials Joining Engineering, Welding Engineering Technology and Materials Joining Engineering Technology.

Eligibility

The AWS Tidewater Virginia Section Scholarship will be awarded to those students who meet the following criteria/eligibility requirements:

1. Applicant must hold a high school diploma.
2. Applicant must have a 2.4 overall grade point average in high school and for those who have already completed some college courses, the GPA should be at least a 2.1 overall and at least 2.3 in their declared major.
3. Applicants should be enrolled in a full time program. However, part time students are encouraged to apply if they are also working a job or have other circumstances which prevent them from enrolling in a full time curriculum.
4. Applicant must be attending, at a minimum, a two-year course of study that will result in at least an associate’s degree.
5. Applicant must have a financial need. (Proof is required to qualify.)
6. Applicant must submit all required application information.
7. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States. Priority will be given in the following order:
   a. Applicants who reside in the Boundaries of the AWS Tidewater Virginia Section. (See AWS Website for map showing the Section boundaries.)
   b. Applicants from the State of Virginia.
   c. Applicants attending LeTourneau University and majoring in Welding and Materials Joining Engineering or Welding and Materials Joining Engineering Technology.
8. Applicants may reapply; however, persons who have received this award may reapply and may be granted the award for a maximum of 3 years. To receive this Award again, the committee will evaluate performance and progress. (Include a letter from your advisor)
9. Additional attributes which will be favorably reviewed are:
Applicant has a documented work history that includes hands-on welding experience verified by an employer.
Applicant has successfully completed a high school welding curriculum.
Applicant is from an underrepresented group in the welding industry.
Applicant is pursuing a degree from an ABET accredited program.

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**Selection**

For the AWS Tidewater Virginia Section Scholarship, the Selection Committee (comprised of Section members as determined by the Section) will determine the award recipient at their meeting held in late spring or early summer of each year.

**Award**

Yearly award of $1,000.

No awards will be paid to the recipient. All awards are for tuition and fees only, and will be paid directly to the academic institution by the AWS Foundation.

**Application Information**

**Procedure**

Applicant must submit the following:

1. **Application (form)**
2. **Two letters of recommendation:** These letters should document your leadership attributes, ability to set and reach goals, personal drive/ambition and highlight those listed in paragraph 3 below.
3. **The applicant’s Personal Statement** should address the items listed below: *(Please note this statement will be reviewed for English grammar, writing ability, spelling, punctuation and ability to communicate complete thoughts.)*
   - Career objectives
   - Ability and desire to attack and solve problems
   - Demonstrated timeliness and completion of assignments
   - Demonstrated responsibility and ownership of their educational curriculum/courses/activities
   - Ability to work well with others
   - General background information that validates the need for this financial award.
   - Organizational skills (ability to handle multiple tasks, time management)
   - Participation in class, campus and outside organizations
   - Participation in AWS Student and or Section activities
4. **Original Official Transcript(s):** High school students entering their first year of a welding program must provide an original official high school transcript. College students must provide an official transcript.
5. **Statement of Unmet Financial Need:** The statement must be completed by an accredited academic institution even if no FAFSA was filed.
6. **Verification of Enrollment** completed by college or university
7. Letter of Intent—“Why I Want to Pursue a Career in Welding Engineering, Materials Joining Engineering, Welding Engineering Technology or Materials Joining Engineering Technology.” This letter should explain how they will apply their welding education and what influenced them to pursue further education in welding/materials joining. All essays should be 300-500 words in length, typewritten, and double-spaced.

(Please note this essay will be reviewed for English grammar, writing ability, spelling, punctuation and ability to communicate complete thoughts.)

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

**Deadline**
Deadline for application is April 25th for the following fall term.

**For More Information**
Please contact:
The AWS Tidewater Virginia Section Chairman.
-Contact information is located at AWS.org. Select the “Committees & Sections” Tab and then select “Sections”
AWS Tidewater Section
Scholarship Application

Student ID Number ________________ AWS Member (optional) Y/N If yes, # __________ Date __________

Applicant’s Name __________________________________________________________________________

Current Address ___________________________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State _______________ Postal Code __________________________

Home Phone ___________________ Cell Phone ___________________ Work Phone ___________________

Parent/Guardian’s Name ________________________________________________________________
(If under 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian’s Address __________________________________________________________________

City ______________________________________ State _________________ Postal Code ______________

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

Employer’s Name __________________________________________________________________________

Employer’s Phone Number______________________ Supervisor’s Name ____________________________

Proposed School (Institute, College or University) ______________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________________
City ______________________________________ State __________________ Postal Code ______________

Proposed Major Area of Study ________________________________________________________________
Starting Date ________________________ Expected Date of Graduation _____________________________

I affirm that the information I have provided on this application and the supporting material 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 _________________
(If under 18 years of age)

Hometown Newspaper ________________________________ Contact Name _________________________
Mailing address _____________________________________________ Contact Telephone _____________

If you are selected as a District Scholarship recipient, the AWS Foundation may request your photograph
and/or testimonial for promotion and public relations purposes. Please indicate below:

☐ Yes, I will approve use of my information/photo ☐ No, I will not approve the use of my information/photo

Signed _________________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________
(If under 18 years of age)
List Schools You Have Attended (High School to Present)

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

Activities Record (Include AWS, 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
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.

List of Personal References

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Career Influence: Which welding instructor influenced you the 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 ♦♦♦

How did you hear about this scholarship? ____________________________________________________

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