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Building Welding's Future through Education

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Special Thanks!

Special thanks to the following Sections for their support of the Foundation and its programs: **Arrowhead Section (15-131), Chattanooga Section (8-031), Colorado Section (20-039), Greater Huntsville Section (8-095), Lexington Section (14-181), and Palm Beach Section (5-193).**

Section members are in partnership with the AWS Foundation, which affects the future of welding students receiving scholarship funds. Since its inception in 1989, the AWS Foundation and Sections have worked together to ensure the development of the District Scholarship program, which grants each District \$5,000 annually for local scholarships.

Scholarship Deadlines

The deadlines for the scholarships available through the Foundation are fast approaching. **January 15** is the deadline for all National Scholarships. National Scholarships are for students pursuing a minimum four-year degree at a university, and are available for welding engineering, welding engineering technology, civil engineering, a business degree with emphasis on welding, and even a Masters degree in engineering management.

The deadline for the District Scholarships is **March 1**. These are available for students pursuing studies in welding or related joining at a trade/technical school, community college, or university.

To accomplish the mission of helping this industry meet the manpower needs into the next decade, the AWS Foundation must reach students. There are hundreds who need help, but often don't know help is available. Will you and your members give us a hand? You know your communities, and you know students who have shown an interest in the welding field. Talk to them and encourage them to take advantage of the scholarships available. Most students need that personal nudge and encouragement to start.

Call the Foundation at 800-443-9353, extension 250, for applications.

Happy Holidays!

The Board of Trustees and Staff of the Foundation wish you and your families a Happy Holiday season.