



# 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## District 7



**Maxwell Dotson**

Washington, PA  
Pennsylvania College of  
Technology  
Pittsburgh Section Scholarship/  
District Scholarship  
District 7 | 003-Pittsburgh

Dear those of the AWS Pittsburgh  
Section Scholarship committee,

I wanted to thank all members of the  
AWS Pittsburgh Section  
Scholarship committee who  
selected me for the AWS Pittsburgh  
Section Scholarship. Being awarded  
this scholarship will help me pursue  
my dreams to be a welding engineer.  
I am greatly appreciative to be  
awarded this scholarship, which I  
will use towards paying my college  
tuition. Being able to stay  
financially stable while paying my  
tuition will let me focus on my  
academics without being stressed  
financially. You all have helped me  
tremendously to get closer to  
achieving my future success.

Best regards,  
Maxwell Dotson



**Rachael Lamb**

Beaver, PA  
Pennsylvania College of  
Technology  
David L. and Dolly McQuaid  
Scholarship  
District 7 | 003-Pittsburgh

I am both honored and grateful to  
have received the David L. And  
Dolly McQuaid Scholarship for the  
Pittsburgh Section.

I am currently preparing for my  
second year of college at the  
Pennsylvania College of  
Technology as a dual degree  
student. I plan to graduate PCT with  
a bachelor's degree in Welding and  
Fabrication Engineering  
Technology as well as an associate  
degree in Nondestructive Testing.  
With my degrees, I hope to apply  
not only my knowledge of welding  
but also quality assurance in order to  
improve and contribute to the  
industry. I hope to continue to  
uphold the standards set by those  
such as yourself as well as continue  
to build on those foundations and  
legacies.

Once again, I am truly grateful for  
the continuous support from donors  
such as yourself. With my dual  
degree curriculum, I know this  
scholarship will help me continue  
my education and push myself to  
learn and improve.  
Sincerely,  
Rachael Lamb



**Dominic Westerman**

Cranberry Twp, PA  
Hobart Institute of Welding  
Technology  
Pittsburgh Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 003-Pittsburgh

Dear Scholarship Donor,

It is a great honor to receive your  
generous 2024-2025 Welder  
Training Scholarship that will help  
fund the expenses of my education  
at Hobart Institute of Welding  
Technology. I am most grateful for  
your belief and support, and I would  
like to thank you for choosing me.  
Receiving this scholarship will  
allow me to continue chasing my  
dreams. I've had a passion for  
welding since I attended my first  
class in my freshman year of  
highschool. I am beyond excited to  
start classes at Hobart Institute of  
Welding Technology this fall. Your  
earnest investment in my future  
goals will not be forgotten. Thank  
you again for your generous and  
thoughtful gift.

With gratitude,  
Dominic Westerman



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**Caleb Cripe**  
Williamstown, KY  
Gateway Community and  
Technical College  
CraftForce Scholarship/District  
Scholarship  
District 7 | 026-Cincinnati

Dear CraftForce,  
Thank you for selecting me as your scholarship recipient. Your scholarship will help me immensely, particularly for this next semester- as I will have more free time to focus on my certification class.  
There are many other students who deserve this scholarship- however, I am beyond grateful that you chose me. Thank you again for your decision, take care and God bless.  
Sincerely,  
Caleb Cripe



**Donovan Stein**  
Burlington, KY  
Ferris State University  
Detroit Section Scholarship/District  
Scholarship  
District 7 | 026-Cincinnati

To the Detroit Section Scholarship, I greatly appreciate the scholarship with my utmost gratitude. I am in the Welding Engineering Technology program at Ferris State University. As I wrap up my final year coming all the way from northern Kentucky, I reflect on the blessings I have received. I have an astounding amount of gratitude from AWS between its offerings and opportunities. This will be my 3rd year on the e-board for the AWS student chapter. The motivation for success is and has been fueled by those before me in the degree and the organization. A few of my internships have been around the Detroit area. I am pleased to know that Detroit has offered knowledge and support into my studies. The metaphorical fire that burns my yearn for knowledge and persevering success is bellowed by your generosity.  
I thank you deeply for the generosity and motivation that this scholarship brings.  
Thank you and have a pleasant day,  
Donovan Stein



**Mikkel Alvarez**  
Sidney, OH  
Ohio State University  
District Scholarship  
District 7 | 033-Dayton

I would like to express my gratitude and most sincere thank you for considering me for the District 7-033 scholarship representing the Greater Dayton Region. It means a lot to me, being on this journey of becoming an engineer in a field relating to Welding Engineering. I am currently writing this letter in Austin, Texas, where I currently am working at Tesla as an intern working on projects relating to Resistance Spot Welding and Bolting. It's moments like these where students like me realise that our work is being noticed and it feels both validating and rewarding. This is an honour to accept the district scholarship for the region of Dayton, and I look forward to representing the Miami Valley at The Ohio State University!  
Sincerely,  
Mik Alvarez



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**Jaron Baker**

Economy, IN  
Ferris State University  
Detroit Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 033-Dayton

Detroit Section Scholarships  
Committee,

I would like to start off by saying a huge thank you for selecting me as a recipient of your Scholarship. I greatly appreciate this, and it will ease the stress of paying for my final year college tremendously. Scholarships such as this one have made my college experience so much more enjoyable and stress free. As for a little bit about myself, I am currently interning with John Deere Harvesters Robotic Intergration Group. It has been an amazing experience so far, and I'm excited to see what other opportunities are ahead.

Again, thank you so much!

Jaron L Baker

**Jackson Connor**

Springfield, OH  
Ohio State University  
District Scholarship  
District 7 | 033-Dayton

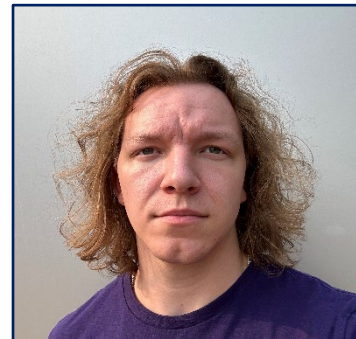
Thank you AWS for this scholarship! I appreciate it so much, and it is going to help me pay for food and rent this year at Ohio State University. Going into my junior year I am so excited to start really getting into the welding specific classes, and learning from so many great professors. While I am doing this it will be such a blessing to not need to stress about finances nearly as much because of this generous gift. Thank you again!!!

Jackson Connor

**Allison Diaz Ventura**

New Carlisle, OH  
Hobart Institute of Welding  
Technology  
Les Vesey - Dayton Section  
Scholarship  
District 7 | 033-Dayton

Thank you for supporting my education with the Les Vesey Scholarship. I'm glad that I can pursue my passion in welding without much of a financial burden. Once again, thank you for helping me with my career path!

**John Mauritz**

Reynoldsburg, OH  
Ohio State University  
Columbus Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 036-Columbus

Thank you for awarding me the Columbus Section Scholarship. This will help me in my final semester at The Ohio State University for my B.S. in Welding Engineering.



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**Rylan Snyder**  
Fairborn, OH  
Ohio State University  
District Scholarship  
District 7 | 033-Dayton

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship! It truly means a lot to me from the countless hours applying for scholarships that all that work paid off. It will really help me pay for my first year.



**Grant Whetstone**  
Urbana, OH  
Hobart Institute of Welding  
Technology  
Dayton Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 033-Dayton

I would like to say that I am very grateful for this scholarship and the ability to be able to follow something I really enjoy doing. This money will ultimately help me pay towards my schooling so that I can go out and the field



**Faye Betts**  
New Washington, OH  
Kentucky Welding Institute  
Columbus Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 036-Columbus

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for awarding me the welding school scholarship. Words cannot adequately convey how honored and appreciative I am to have been selected as a recipient of your generosity.

Receiving this scholarship is a significant milestone in my educational journey. It not only eases the financial burden but also reinforces my commitment to pursuing a career in welding. Your belief in my potential means a great deal to me and inspires me to work even harder towards my goals.

I am passionate about welding because it allows me to create, innovate, and contribute to various industries. With the support of your scholarship, I am eager to delve deeper into this field, gain valuable skills, and make a positive impact in my community.

Your philanthropy has not only provided me with financial assistance but has also instilled in me a sense of responsibility to give back in the future. I hope to one day pay forward the kindness and support that you have shown me.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for investing in my education and believing in my

potential. Your generosity has made a profound difference in my life, and I am deeply grateful for your support.

Warm regards,  
Faye





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**Thomas Hogan**

Vinton, OH  
Hobart Institute of Welding  
Technology  
Columbus Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 036-Columbus

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for choosing me as a recipient of the Columbus Section Scholarship. I work part-time due to financial challenges, and I could not be more thrilled. I now can continue as a full-time student and get one step closer to achieving my academic goals. I am deeply appreciative of your support and all the good that you do. I am most grateful for your belief and support, and I would like to thank you for choosing me.

I am currently enrolled at Hobart Welding School and am on par to graduate in November 2024. Receiving this scholarship will allow me to continue chasing my dreams. Your earnest investment in my future goals will not be forgotten. Thank you again for your generous and thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,  
Thomas J. Hogan

**Ryan Hurst**

Columbus, OH  
Ohio State University  
Columbus Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 036-Columbus

Dear Members of the American  
Welding Society Columbus Section,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the American Welding Society Columbus Section Scholarship. I am appreciative of your support, which will play a significant role in my academic and professional journey.

As my final semester in the Welding Engineering program approaches, this scholarship arrives at the perfect time. It will allow me to fully concentrate on my studies and complete my degree without the added pressure of financial constraints. Your support will enable me to devote more time and effort to my coursework, projects, and research, ensuring that I acquire the knowledge and skills needed to excel in the welding engineering field.

My goal is to build a career in welding engineering, where I can contribute to advancements in manufacturing processes and materials joining techniques. This scholarship not only provides me with the financial resources to complete my degree but also

inspires me to strive for excellence in my future endeavors.

Once again, thank you for your generous support and for investing in my future. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and to contributing positively to the welding engineering profession.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Hurst

**Avery Long**

Rushville, OH  
Hobart Institute of Welding  
Technology  
Columbus Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 036-Columbus

Dear Columbus Section  
Scholarship,

Thank you very much for awarding me with your scholarship so I can attend Hobart Institute of Welding Technology. I am very excited to start my welding program and your scholarship will help me fulfill my goals. It is a great honor to receive your scholarship and it is greatly appreciated!

Thank you again, Avery Long.



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**Erick Martinez Mejia**  
Whitehall, OH  
Ohio State University  
Ed Cable - BUG-O District 7  
Scholarship/District Scholarship  
District 7 | 036-Columbus

Id like to thank BUG-O systems for sponsoring this scholarship that I received. I really want to thank them though, for honoring Mr. Cable by providing a scholarship to help students who have in interest in automation/mechanization in the welding industry. These last couple years I have had to work whilst trying to juggle a very hectic schedule as an engineering student and it has not been easy. With this scholarship, some of that financial stress of having to pay for school will be lifted off my shoulders and will allow me to focus in on what I need to learn in order to pursue a career in the welding field which I've come to really enjoy in the past couple of years. Again, thank you to the Ed Cable/BUG-O District 7 scholarship selection committee for choosing me as a recipient for this scholarship.



**Benham McCarter**  
Columbus, OH  
Ferris State University  
Columbus Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 036-Columbus

I cannot express my gratitude for being selected for this scholarship. Being selected as a recipient has motivated me to work even harder to achieve my goals. With my financial burden lightened, I will be able to spend more time engaging in extracurricular activities and focus on achieving greater academic excellence. Again, I am extremely grateful to be selected for this scholarship.



**Sean McGinnis**  
Gahanna, OH  
Ohio State University  
District Scholarship/  
Columbus Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 036-Columbus

I would like to lead off by saying thank you to the AWS Columbus Section, for the scholarship I received. The scholarship will help alleviate any future debt I would have to pay off, something I would have to worry about when I could instead be putting my time and effort into furthering my career. I hope my efforts in welding engineering can lead to the improving the world. My dad works for Owens Corning, where he creates chemical compositions for fiberglass that are implemented into wind blades, which as renewable energy is used as a replacement for the climate change causing coal power plants.

I also want to fight climate change, to save the future of our world from rising sea levels and severe weather, among many other changes caused by our receding ozone layer. Using my time here at Ohio State I hope to be able to get in a position where I can change that, through my major of Welding Engineering. I'm looking forward to applying what I've learned in my previous semesters, and my future senior year (and potentially grad school) in the future for my career, and hopefully achieve dreams. Again, with the money I received as a donation, I am able to focus on my future, rather than how I will have to pay off debt.

Thanks for the ability to focus on my hopes and dreams,  
Sean McGinnis



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**Brady Seger**  
Raymond, OH  
Ohio State University  
Columbus Section Scholarship  
District 7 | 036-Columbus

Dear Columbus Section Scholarship Donors,  
I am very grateful to have received the Columbus Section Scholarship from the American Welding Society. The scholarship will go a long way in financially supporting me through this next academic year. I will be going into my sophomore year at Ohio State this Fall. I am majoring in welding engineering, as well as working towards a minor in business. I live on a farm in Raymond, OH right outside of Marysville. In the future I want to get a job in the welding industry and help my dad grow the farm. Scholarships like these continue to allow me to pursue my dreams and aspirations and I am forever grateful.  
Thank you,  
Brady Seger



**Elijah Frame**  
Summersville, WV  
Kentucky Welding Institute  
Jeff Crockett Memorial Scholarship  
District 7 | 103-Tri-State

I am honored and incredibly grateful to be the recipient of the Jeff Crockett Memorial Scholarship for the academic year of 2024. Your generous support is not only a financial relief but also a huge encouragement for me as I continue my journey in higher education. I plan to use this scholarship to pursue my studies at Kentucky Welding Institute. As a welder, I am committed to making a positive impact in the world, and this scholarship will play a significant role in helping me achieve my goals. Once again, thank you for your generosity and belief in my potential. I am truly appreciative of this opportunity.  
Thank you  
Elijah Frame



**Charles Riffe**  
Vanceburg, KY  
Kentucky Welding Institute  
Carlisle Smith Tri-State Section  
Scholarship  
District 7 | 103-Tri-State

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for awarding me the Carlisle Smith Tri-State Section Scholarship. Your generosity has provided me with a tremendous opportunity to further my education and pursue my dreams. I cannot thank you enough for your support and belief in my potential.

Receiving this scholarship has truly been a life-changing experience for me. It has not only eased the financial burden of pursuing higher education but has also inspired me to work harder and strive for excellence in all my endeavors. Your investment in my future means more to me than words can express. I promise to make the most of this opportunity and to honor your generosity by excelling in my studies and making a positive impact on those around me. Your belief in me has motivated me to push myself to new heights and to never give up on my dreams.

Thank you once again for your incredible support and for believing in my potential. I am truly grateful for the opportunity you have provided me with and will always remember your kindness.





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**Eric Hill**  
Lemont, PA  
Pennsylvania College of  
Technology  
Ed Cable - BUG-O Scholarship/  
District Scholarship  
District 7 | 501-Johnstown Altoona

Dear Ed Cable - BUG-O District 7  
Scholarship (District/Section: 07-  
501-Johnstown Altoona) Team,

I am grateful to have been selected  
as the recipient for this scholarship!  
Receiving this scholarship is an  
honor and will help me financially  
in my financial journey. Being in the  
welding program at Penn College  
requires me to purchase specialized  
equipment and supplies to  
maximize my learning in the trade  
and these funds will help with these  
costs. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,  
Eric Hill



**Aidan Larimer**  
Bellefonte, PA  
Pennsylvania College of  
Technology  
District Scholarship  
District 7 | 501-Johnstown Altoona

Dear District Scholarship/Keen  
Compressed Gas,

I would like to sincerely thank you  
for your generosity and the \$1,500  
scholarship. This scholarship allows  
me to take less in loans and not have  
as much debt when I graduate. I will  
be successful and a valued addition  
to business when I graduate.  
Ultimately I am striving to grow,  
develop my skills and start my own  
business. I appreciate you  
supporting me in my journey to  
become a better welder and  
someday a business owner.

Again, thank you for your  
generosity and support.

Aidan Larimer