



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jaron Baker

Economy, IN
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 07 - 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



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Ryan Diestler

Scandinavia, WI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 12 - 074-Fox Valley

Dear American Welding Society Detroit Section Chapter,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding the American Welding Society scholarships. I am very grateful to receive your support which helps reduce my financial burden while studying at college.

I currently live in Wisconsin and will be a senior in the Welding Engineering program at Ferris State University in Michigan this fall. I participated in all of the welding and shop classes all throughout my high school career and am looking forward to my continued learning at Ferris State University. Ferris State offers one of the finest programs in the country and I consider myself fortunate to be able to attend.

I am a member of the American Welding Society and plan on maintaining my membership as a student over the next 2 years of college and then as an official member during my working career. By awarding me the Detroit Section Scholarship, I am able to concentrate on what is important for me which is my education. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to helping me learn the skills to reach my career goals and contribute to a better world. I hope one day to be able to help other welding engineering students achieve their goal just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,
Ryan Diestler



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Nolan Dooley
Livonia, MI
Schoolcraft College
Fabrication Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear American Welding Society Detroit Section,
Thank you for the Detroit Section Scholarship award. This scholarship has significantly improved my ability to pursue education and played a crucial role in shaping my future goals. It enhances my opportunity to study welding at Schoolcraft College, which will facilitate success and help maintain a strong GPA of 3.5.

I am deeply grateful for your support and trust in my abilities. Your kindness and generosity have not gone unnoticed. I am committed to diligently working and making the most of this invaluable opportunity.
Sincerely,
Nolan Dooley



Jessica Duff
White Lake, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear Detroit Section,
I wanted to express my deepest gratitude for selecting me for this scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. I am honored and so appreciative of the support you have provided for me, and grateful for the opportunity this scholarship provides. As you know the burden that the expenses of school create can be significant. This allows me to worry less about the financial stress that comes with school and focus more on the academic side of Ferris State. This money has inspired me to be more generous and give back to my community. Thank you once again for the generous support you have provided for me.



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Abby Frisk

New Lisbon, WI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 12 - 074-Fox Valley

Dear Detroit Section,

Thank you for awarding me with the Detroit Section Scholarship. This fall I am going into my senior year at Ferris State University for Welding Engineering Technology. I have had the absolute best time while at Ferris, being involved with the Clay Target Club to improve my trap shooting skills. Meeting other women in STEM in the Women in Technology club. Being involved in some awesome campus community events and helping with our university's mascot, Brutus, in the Student Alumni Gold Club. Lastly, being a part of the Ferris AWS Student Chapter to encourage and lend a hand to my peers within the welding community. Being a part of the AWS welding community has had a tremendous impact on my just beginning career. Not only helping with college costs but the connections I've made have shown me many different areas of our very big, but small welding community. Their endless advice and support to a young professional has been huge in guiding me on the path I'm on.

The education I have received at Ferris State University along with hard work will allow me to be successful in the welding industry and reach the jobs that interest and challenge me.

I deeply appreciate your support of my education and I look forward to giving back to AWS and future welding students like you have done for me.

Thank you!

Abby Frisk



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Tiernan Gallagher

Clare, MI

Ferris State University

Welding Engineering Technology

Detroit Section Scholarship

District 11 - 061-Saginaw Valley

To the Detroit Section Scholarship Donors,

I want to thank you for this scholarship. I am currently three years into school with no debt and I am hoping to get through the fourth year without any as well. This scholarship helps with that goal tremendously. With any luck I will get through this year debt free. It will be an amazing feeling if I can accomplish it and I am looking forward to feeling it.

Thank you so much,

Tiernan Gallagher



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Sophia Gugel
Rochester Hills, MI
Oakland University
Science in Engineering
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear AWS,

I want to thank you for your ongoing support. Thanks to you, I have been able to start my bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Oakland University. My plans include pursuing a later degree in welding engineering at The Ohio State University and applying the knowledge and skills I gained through going to Oakland to it. I also plan to take as many math classes as I can fit into my schedule. Thank you once again for your support.

Sincerely,
Sophia Gugel



Jackson Guillery
Wixom, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear Members of the American Welding Society,

I would like to express my excitement and appreciation for selecting me as the recipient of the Detroit Section Scholarship. I am truly honored to receive this recognition and support from such a prestigious organization known to the welding community. Receiving this scholarship means a great deal to me both personally and academically. As a passionate student of welding engineering at Ferris State University, this award will help to allow me to focus more on my studies and professional development. Your generosity will not only help me achieve my educational goals but also inspire me to contribute positively to the AWS community in the future. Once again, thank you for this incredible honor and for believing in my potential. I am committed to working hard and making the most of this opportunity. Please convey my heartfelt appreciation to all the members of the scholarship committee for their support and encouragement.

Thank you,
Jackson Guillery



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Mark Hamilton

Shelby Township, MI
Wayne State University
Welding and Metallurgical Engineering
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear Scholarship Donor,

Thank you for the generous contribution for my schooling through the Detroit Section Scholarship. I'm highly grateful that I could use these funds to enroll into another class in the fall semester of 2024. This donation is much appreciated.

I started my first semester at Wayne State University this summer. I will complete my bachelor's degree in December of 2026. Welding has always been a part of my personal lifestyle and favorite hobby. When I'm looking through the hood, I'm always in my comfort zone. As a student, I've found welding to be on the greatest skill a man can lay hold of. It's highly rewarding.

Thanks again for your selfless contribution to my education and others.

Sincerely,

Mark Hamilton
Wayne State University



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Josh Hamlin
Saginaw, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 061-Saginaw Valley

To whom it may concern,
Hi! First off I just wanted to say thank you so much for the scholarship that I have been awarded. This scholarship will help me incredibly as I work my way through college and give me the motivation to keep on pushing forward in the welding field that I have chosen. Through AWS alone, I have been given continuous support and opportunities. These range anywhere from the student chapter at Ferris State all the way to the scholarship that I have just been awarded. The AWS is not just some welding society to me as others may see it, but it is a lifestyle and something that I look up to. Since I started my welding journey in high school, I have known that I will go above and beyond to promote the thing that I love doing. Welding has not only given me joy but also friendships that come along with it. Again, I thank you guys so much for this award and I will be using it with great honor towards my continuing education here at Ferris State University.
Thank you again,
Joshua Hamlin



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Victoria Hay

Frankfort, IL
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 13 - 090-J.A.K.

Dear Detroit Section Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to sincerely express my gratitude for your generosity. As an academically driven student, I am determined to push myself and vastly expand my knowledge. My passion for the welding industry led me to Ferris State University, where I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in Welding Engineering Technology.

My goal is to make a significant impact in the welding industry by emphasizing productivity, efficiency, and fostering trust and relationships. I am motivated by relentless determination, a quest for knowledge, and a desire to make a meaningful difference. I am enthusiastic for what the future holds, and I am dedicated to having a fulfilling career devoted to elevating the standards of the welding profession.

I am confident that the extensive hands-on experience I have gained through our program will enable me to achieve these goals. Additionally, receiving this scholarship is immensely beneficial. Many students in our country bear the burden of student loans to cover college expenses. Your generosity allows me to focus entirely on my academic pursuits without these financial concerns. It is incredibly liberating to receive such a charitable contribution toward my future.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Tori Hay



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Helana Hope

Kitchener, ON

Conestoga College

Manufacturing Engineering Technology: Welding Concentration

Detroit Section Scholarship

District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear Detroit Section Scholarship,

My name is Helana Hope and I am the recipient of the 2024 Detroit Section Scholarship. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for being awarded this scholarship. I am entering the third and final year of the Conestoga College Welding Engineering Technology - Inspection program in September. This scholarship will have a genuinely significant and real impact by assisting me with the purchase of required course material, as well as allowing me to afford the process of challenging the Canadian Welding Bureau Level 1 Visual Welding Inspection exam, which will permit me to begin my formal training as a visual welding inspector.

Being selected for your scholarship fills me with pride. Scholarships like this one are truly impactful to a student's life and relieve some of the financial stress we carry. Please accept this thank you letter as an honest token of my appreciation for what you have bestowed upon me.

Sincerely,

Helana Hope



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Lonny Hottum

Garden City, MI

Schoolcraft College

Welding

Detroit Section Scholarship

Mardell D. Wilcox Scholarship (Detroit Section)

District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear Detroit Section Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for awarding me the AWS American Welding Society Scholarship. This generous support will significantly aid my educational journey at Schoolcraft College, and I am deeply honored to be selected as a recipient.

I am eagerly looking forward to starting my coursework then and making the most of this incredible opportunity.

Additionally, I am excited to share that after this semester, I hope to start fabricating and selling custom off-road parts. This venture will not only allow me to apply my skills but also create job opportunities for recent welding graduates.

I am currently filling out all the necessary school information, as I am confident that Schoolcraft College is the right choice for me due to their high standards of welding education.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support. I am committed to excelling in my studies and contributing to the welding industry in the future.

Sincerely,

Lonny Hottum

Swampbog@hotmail.com



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jessica King
Ypsilanti, MI
Wayne State University
Welding and Metallurgical Engineering
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 101-Central Michigan

Dear AWS Detroit Section Committee Members,
Thank you so much for selecting me as the recipient of the Detroit Section Scholarship. I am eternally grateful for the encouragement and support this scholarship provides, and I will strive to make the most of this opportunity. This investment into supporting higher education will allow me to actively contribute back to the welding community and make a positive impact academically and beyond!
With deepest gratitude,
Jessica King

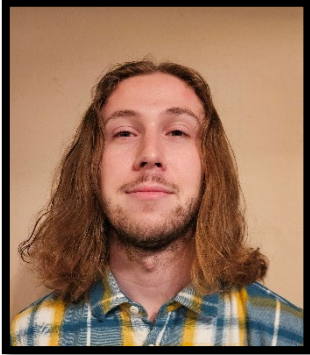


Ryan Konieczny
Grosse Pointe Park, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

To the AWS Detroit Section,
I am more than honored to have been selected as a recipient of the AWS Detroit Section Scholarship. This overly generous gift I have been awarded will help me by keeping me motivated as well as eliminating some of the financial burdens that are associated with college. I am committed to making the most of this educational opportunity and really look forward to giving back to the AWS in the future. I look forward to finishing up my last year at Ferris State University and moving into a successful career somewhere in the DOD/Aerospace industry. Thank you once again for your assistance and belief in my endeavors.
Sincerely,
Ryan Konieczny



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



K. Erich Laird

Monroe, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 046-Northwest Ohio

To whom it may concern,
I would like to thank you for selecting me for this scholarship. Going into my final year of my bachelor's degree, most financial aid has dried up at this point, and I wasn't sure how I would be able to fund this last step. Your contribution to my education is incredibly generous, and I cannot express my gratitude enough for what you have done for me. Thank you so much for your support in this final step in this phase of my education.
Thanks,
K. Erich Laird



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Brendan LeTissier

Rochester Hills, MI

Ferris State University

Welding Engineering Technology

Detroit Section Scholarship

Robert P and Mardell D Wilcox Scholarship (Detroit Section)

District 11 - 011-Detroit

Robert P. and Mardell D Wilcox of the AWS Detroit Section,
Thank you for selecting me for this scholarship and for the opportunity to be better able to continue to pursue my welding education. I hope to put it to good use in my pursuits at Ferris State University. Your help gives me even more motivation, knowing I have your support to pursue my welding engineering goals. I can not wait to get started in my final year of welding engineering education at Ferris. This has been a great honor to have been chosen, and I am incredibly thankful for your generosity.

Thank you,

Brendan LeTissier

AWS Foundation Detroit Section,

I would like to say thank you for selecting me for this scholarship and for the opportunity to be better able to continue to pursue my welding education. I hope to put it to good use at Ferris State University. Your help gives me even more motivation, knowing I have the support of AWS Detroit to pursue my welding engineering goals. I can not wait to get started in my final year of welding engineering education at Ferris State. This, again, has been a great honor to have been chosen, and I am incredibly thankful for your generosity.

Thank you,

Brendan LeTissier



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Travis Lindquist

Temperance, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 046-Northwest Ohio

Dear AWS Detroit Section Scholarship Committee,
I cannot thank you enough for selecting me as a recipient for this award, it is a blessing and motivates me to succeed in the upcoming school year. I must express sincere gratitude for everyone who works to make these scholarships a possibility, they truly make a difference in the lives of students. For me, the funds allocated from this scholarship will propel me through the final year of my Welding Engineering Technology degree at Ferris State by alleviating some of the financial burden imposed by tuition. That being said, I intend to focus on my studies and get the most out of this degree in hopes of applying that knowledge in future job opportunities.

Thank you,
Travis Lindquist



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Devon Macdonald
White Lake, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear Detroit Section Scholarship Donors,
Thank you very much for your support toward my education. I am honored to be chosen for the Detroit Section Scholarship for the Fall 2024 semester. The Detroit Section has been very supportive of my education I have been obtaining over the past four years at Ferris State University. I am very thankful that the Detroit Section is supportive of my goal to achieve my Welding Engineering Bachelor's degree. The continuous support of the AWS Foundation toward students obtaining a welding degree, has been a large help to my education. I am truly grateful for the opportunity this scholarship has provided me.

Thank you,
Devon Macdonald



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Gerardo Marcial-Matias

Mulberry, FL
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 05 - 112-Florida West Coast

Dear American Welding Society Donors,

It brings me immense joy and pride to have been selected as the recipient of the 2024-2025 Detroit Section Scholarship. I am writing to express my humble gratitude for your continuous generous support towards my educational journey at Ferris State University.

Last May I received my associate in applied science in welding technology / Magna Cum Laude. I am now in my final year of the welding engineering technology (B.S.) degree program. While simultaneously pursuing a degree in the business administration program. I am another degree and one step closer to achieving my education goal of being the first in my family to graduate from college. I would like to share this accomplishment as it was greatly made possible by the financial support of scholarships like this.

As a first-generation student, I am motivated by the desire to provide a bright future for my family, my community, and society as a whole. All of which is made possible through the generosity of donors like yourself. I am grateful for this recognition; it allows me to allocate my focus and energy to my studies rather than pondering my return to the classroom. I am honored for your continuous investment in my future, it motivates me to stay disciplined and humble so that one day I may help the future generation as you have helped me. I have included my contact information; please feel free to reach out for any further comments or questions.

Appreciatively,
Gerardo Marcial-Matias



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Abigail Markel

Midland, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 061-Saginaw Valley

Dear Detroit Section Donors,

Thank you very much for your contribution to my education. I can honestly say that when I opened the notification that I received your scholarship, I was overwhelmed with excitement. A scholarship of this magnitude makes a huge difference in being able to afford the wonderful education I'm getting at Ferris State University.

I am from Midland, MI, and I fell in love with welding when I started taking classes in high school. Since being accepted to Ferris, I have been heavily involved with the AWS Student Chapter. I have filled the roles of freshman student representative and Community Service Chairperson. I want to continue to be involved with the student chapter outside of school in the future as well. I am also one of the top students in my class in regard to welding skills and academics. Because of my dedication to my studies, I was able to earn an internship at John Deere between my sophomore and junior years. This past summer I earned an internship at Ingalls Shipbuilding where I was part of the welding engineering team that supports building US Navy Destroyers and Amphibious Ships. I'm not only involved in welding. Last year, I joined the Equestrian Club at Ferris. Being involved with horses is a big part of who I am. I earned the position of treasurer in the club next year.

Your contribution to my education is allowing me to continue to be involved with clubs and activities as well as being focused on my studies without being burdened with worrying about being able to afford it.

Thank you again,
Abigail Markel



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Ian McArthur
Big Rapids, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 051-West Michigan

Detroit Section,

To say that I am grateful to receive this scholarship would be an understatement. The funds that I will receive from this scholarship will ensure that I will graduate college with very minimal debt! This allows me to come into the world out of college one step ahead of the game. This summer, I am interning at Oshkosh Vocational in Murfreesboro, TN. Here, I am supporting the Cab Weld line of Pierce Manufacturing. I use the education that I gained through school every single day. This is something that not all people get to say. I love the path that I am on and look forward for what is to come. I would not be where I am today without the help that I have had from the Detroit Section. From the bottom of my heart - thank you so much!!

Next week, I will be attending the American Welding Society Leadership Symposium and when I get back to school in the fall I will assume my position as President of the AWS Student Chapter. If there is anything else that I could do to show my appreciation, I would be happy to. Again, thank you.

Ian McArthur



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Matthew McLaughlin

Delaware, ON

North American Trade School - London

Structural Welding

Detroit Section Scholarship

District 11 - 011-Detroit

Thank you to the Detroit Section of the AWS for the scholarship funds. After losing my job and deciding on a career change, I was very concerned about the cost of entry. Having very little welding experience it was a tough decision to go to school before looking for work. These funds will go a long way in helping to secure a better future for myself and my family.

Thank you,
Matthew McLaughlin



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Laura Palaske

Wayland, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 051-West Michigan

Dear AWS Detroit Section,

I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of the AWS Detroit Section Scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year. This scholarship will go towards my education expenses at Ferris State University. I am incredibly grateful for your support and want to thank you for your generosity.

During the 2023-2024 school year, I completed my associate's degree in Welding Technology at Ferris State and will be continuing on to be a junior in Welding Engineering Technology bachelor's program for the 2024-2025 school year. My education is very important to me, and it is scholarships like yours that make my education possible.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Laura Palaske



Millie Peach

Marengo, IA
Ferris State University
Welding and Fabrication Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 16 - 162-Eastern Iowa

Thank You Detroit Section Scholarship Donors,

This scholarship will help me to pay for my final year of college. Thanks to your generous donation I will be able to graduate college this coming spring debt free. Finishing my 4 year degree with no debt will help start me in the right direction for the rest of my career. I am hoping to start grad school in fall of 2025. Not having the financial burden of paying off undergrad makes that goal much more attainable. I get no financial help with paying for college other than scholarships and grants so it is very appreciated to be chosen for them.

Thank You Again,

Millie Peach



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jordan Pearsall

Madison Heights, MI
Wayne State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear Detroit Section,

Thank you very much for your generosity in giving me a scholarship for the Welding and Metallurgical Engineering program at Wayne State. These scholarship opportunities help students from all walks of life obtain their goals and play a critical role in the field of Welding and Metallurgy.

Sincerely,

Jordan Pearsall



Jesse Pequeno

Kalamazoo, MI
Wayne State University
Welding and Metallurgical Engineering
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 051-West Michigan

I, Jesse Lee Pequeño, would like to express my most sincere and profound gratitude for being chosen as a recipient for this scholarship by the AWS. I want to express that with receiving this scholarship my efforts up to this point have become substantiated and validated on a personal level. The process of schooling and striving for a higher purpose and education is grueling; it has seemed in much of my recent past that the fruits of my labor have gone unrealized. Receiving recognition from the AWS has elucidated to me that the path that I am on is true and that I am fully capable of forging a path of scholarship and scientific learning to the highest capacity. I would like to make it known that the AWS and the relevant donors will not regret their decision to award me with this scholarship and that it will be used in full towards cultivating a passion for the scholarly advancement of welding education visibility, Material Science Engineering and towards emboldening the future generations of welding students in the great city of Detroit, Michigan.



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Logan Pethers

Lapeer, MI
Ferris State University
Welding and Fabrication Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

To the Detroit Section of AWS,
Due to your generosity, I now feel more relieved as I will be one step closer to pursuing my dream of becoming a Welding Engineer. With this scholarship it will help with paying for my school bills this coming semester. I am honored to be accepted, by your district and will make you proud.

Thank you,
Logan Pethers
Ferris State Welding Engineering



Benjamin Saline

Big Rapids, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 051-West Michigan

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for selecting me as a recipient of the Section Scholarship. I am truly honored and grateful for this recognition. Receiving the Section Scholarship means a lot to me both personally and academically. It provides crucial financial support that will help me pursue my studies in welding with greater focus and dedication. Your confidence in my abilities encourages me to continue striving for excellence in this field.

I am excited about the opportunities this scholarship opens up for me, and I am committed to using it wisely to further my education and contribute positively to the welding community. Your support means a great deal to me, and I am determined to uphold the values and standards of the American Welding Society throughout my career.

Best Regards,
Benjamin Saline



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Parker Sargent
Big Rapids, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 051-West Michigan

Dear Detroit AWS Section,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the generous scholarship awarded to me through the American Welding Society. Your support has not only lightened my financial burden but has also inspired me to pursue my educational and career goals with even greater determination.

Receiving this scholarship is a tremendous honor for me, and I want to extend my deepest appreciation to both of you for your commitment to helping students like myself achieve their dreams. Your generosity is making a significant difference in my life, allowing me to focus more on my studies and less on financial concerns.

As a recipient of this scholarship, I am not only grateful for the financial assistance but also for the vote of confidence it represents. Your belief in my potential motivates me to work harder and strive for excellence in my academic pursuits and future career in welding.

I assure you that your investment in my education will not be taken lightly. I am dedicated to making the most of this opportunity and am committed to giving back to the community in the future, just as you have done for me.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and support.

Warm Regards,
Parker Sargent
parkersargent101@gmail.com



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Cameron Scharboneau

Monroe, MI

Wayne State University

Welding and Metallurgical Engineering

Detroit Section Scholarship

District 11 - 046-Northwest Ohio

I would like to say thank you for selecting me to be the recipient of the AWS Detroit Section Scholarship. This scholarship is incredibly helpful for me to pursue my dreams and a simple thank you does not seem adequate to express my gratitude.

I have been a fabrication welder since I started at my family's shop in 2017 right after my son was born. After a few months of working there I realized how much I enjoyed welding and pursued my degree from the Welding Technology program at Monroe County Community College. After completing the program, I was encouraged to look into the Welding and Metallurgical Technology program at Wayne State. I plan to finish this program within the next two years. After I graduate, my plan is to take over my family's business building pressure separators.

Again, thank you for your support as I pursue my dreams.

Cameron Scharboneau



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Donovan Stein

Burlington, KY
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 07 - 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 belloyed 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



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Amalia Towns

Saginaw, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 061-Saginaw Valley

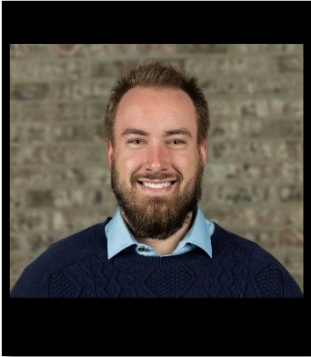
Dear Detroit Section,

I want to offer the most genuine thank you for your charitable kindness in awarding me this scholarship. I cannot begin to explain how appreciative I am. Being a woman in a male dominated industry, finding individuals/groups who support me as you do means the world to me. It has not been easy learning new skills that I had never been introduced to before, but despite the struggles I have been able to work through it all because of the people that believe in me. My friends, family, professors, peers, and patrons like you became my foundation during this journey. Even outside of school, I continue to grow my knowledge and skills daily. I still have a whole life of learning ahead of me, but I am still very excited to see what welding will bring for me. I again thank you for your generous contribution to my education.

Sincerely and gratefully,
Amalia Towns



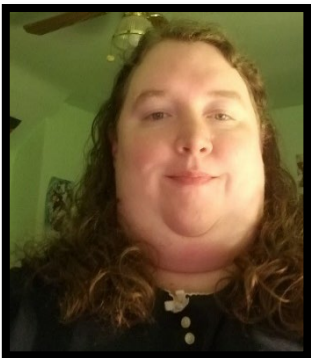
2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Trevor Townson

Clarkston, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 011-Detroit

To the people of the Detroit Section Scholarship, I would like to graciously thank you for the selection as the recipient for this scholarship. Since I was young, it has been my dream to pursue a career in the engineering field. I had never realized the struggles and financial strain that achieving this would take. Due to your kindness, my financial burden has been alleviated and I am able to follow my dream. The financial situation for my family has drastically changed since the passing of my father in 2021, I do not think I would be where I am today without the kindness and generosity of people like yourselves. So thank you again for supporting my education, it means the world to my family and I. I hope to one day be in a position where I can give back to the AWS and support the futures of the next generation of welding engineers.



Krista Wallace

Livonia, MI
Wayne State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Amos & Marilyn Winsand Scholarship (Detroit Section)
District 11 - 011-Detroit

Dear Amos & Marilyn Winsand Scholarship, I am Krista Wallace, a welding engineering student that has received your scholarship for the 2024 fall semester. Writing this, I understand now more than ever how important these kinds of programs are. Before I got that email, I thought I might have to forgo this semester. I am so close to the end of my degree, and this is a boost to get over the finish line. My progress in my program has not been straight forward. For a lot of special needs students, our paths can be two steps forward and one step back. But I am finally going in the right direction and am getting the support I need to get through this and into the workforce in a way that I didn't think I ever would. I am immensely grateful for your confidence and will do everything in my power to have the best last year I can.
Krista Wallace



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Ella Wanke

Cheboygan, MI
Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Detroit Section Scholarship
District 11 - 158-Northern Michigan

I would like to thank the Detroit AWS Section. I am honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Detroit Section Scholarship. I was thrilled to learn of my selection, and I am deeply appreciative. I want to personally thank you for your generous contribution, which will help make it possible for me to further pursue my education.

I have just finished my third year at Ferris State University, and I will be graduating in the spring of 2025 with my bachelor's degree in Welding Engineering Technology. Being enrolled in the Welding Engineering Technology program has taught me so much and I look forward to learning more and experiencing new opportunities. During my last year at Ferris, I hope to continue to learn as much about welding as I possibly can and remind myself to be thankful for everything that Ferris has given me. This summer I am interning with Caterpillar in South Milwaukee Wisconsin at their global mining facility. I really love heavy fabrication and being able to be a part of building such incredible machines is an amazing opportunity.

Upon graduation I would love to continue to work with heavy fabrication of some sort and I also plan on becoming a Certified Welding Inspector (CWI). After completing a quality testing class during my second year in the welding program I realized that I really enjoyed learning about the weld inspection process and that I wanted to eventually become a CWI. Receiving this scholarship will allow me to further my education by helping pay for my college tuition, books, tools, and other supplies. I cannot express my gratitude enough, and I want you to know that your generous support will help me achieve my future goals while at college, and in the welding industry.

Sincerely,
Ella Wanke