



AWS Section 75-New Mexico Technical Scholarship

Introduction

New Mexico is a beautiful desert state in the southwestern United States. New Mexico is rich in oil, natural gas, and coal. State natural resources drive the welding industry in the San Juan Basin in the northwest and Permian Basin in the southeast. New Mexico is the home for two of the nation's premier national research laboratories, Sandia National Labs and Los Alamos National Labs. New Mexico's National Laboratories are the driver for the Middle Rio Grande Valley's diversified and skilled workforce in the welding and joining industry to support research based prototype market opportunities.

New Mexico is the fifth largest state ranked by area, and thirty-sixth state ranked by population. New Mexico's population density is low, distributed over approximately one hundred twenty two thousand square miles. It is a challenge to draw an estimated four hundred AWS members to Section 75 meetings held in centrally located Albuquerque.

Embracing these challenges, a core group of dedicated AWS Section 75 executive committee members are focused on education as a central value committed to promoting the welding and joining industry, and establishing funding for this scholarship. Core members of the Section 75 Executive Committee whom have volunteered to establish this scholarship include K. Bingham, P. Gorman, T. Lienert, D. MacCallum, K. Hamby, M. Thomas, P. Bauman, and P. Bauman.

It is an honor for AWS Section 75 to offer this scholarship opportunity for students of all ages residing in the Great State of New Mexico.

Purpose

The AWS Section 75-New Mexico Technical Scholarship will be awarded to provide funding to students pursuing a minimum two year Technical or Associates degree in the welding and joining industry.

Eligibility

The AWS Section 75-New Mexico Technical Scholarship will be awarded to provide financial assistance to students in a community college or technical institute.

1. Applicant must be a minimum of eighteen years of age.
2. Student will be enrolled full time.
3. Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 overall grade point average.
4. Applicant must provide a personal statement, with details, indicating how they will use their welding education; this can be included in application essay.
5. Proof of financial need is not required to qualify.
6. Applicant must submit all required application information.
7. Applicant must attend a certificate or degree granting course of study in welding.

8. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States, reside in New Mexico, and plan to attend an academic institution located within New Mexico.
9. Applicants may reapply; however, persons who have received this award may reapply and may be granted the award for a maximum of 2 years.
10. Applicant does not have to be a member of the American Welding Society, but a student membership is encouraged.

Candidates should also consider the following bullet points as application requirements.

- Applicants should provide two written references attesting to their continued education and/or work history in their welding course of study as required in the AWS District 20 or AWS Section 75 Named scholarship application.
- An application with references documenting work history that includes hands-on welding experience is encouraged.
- Successful candidates for the Section 75 Technical Scholarship will be selected from applicants submitting a complete (with reference letters) electronic District 20 or Section 75 Named scholarship application. Application must be submitted by the deadline for AWS District 20 scholarships published by the AWS Foundation for the year the application is submitted. Applications will also be accepted no later than the deadline listed for the Section 75 Named scholarship application. A fillable PDF version of the Section 75 Named scholarship application is posted on the Section 75 website located at aws.org.

The AWS Foundation does not discriminate by age, race, color, national origin, disability, creed or gender.

Selection

The award recipient will be selected by the five (5) member AWS Section 75 Scholarship Subcommittee.

Awards

The current value of this scholarship is \$1,750.00. However, the AWS Section 75 Scholarship Subcommittee reserves the right to split this award. The Recipient(s) will receive the current annual award of \$850.00 to \$1,750.00 paid directly to the academic institution on their behalf. The award is for tuition and fees only. The award value of the AWS Section 75 Technical Scholarship is variable. The award value can increase annually, but will not decrease.

Helpful Application Information Guidance

Procedure

Applicant must submit the following:

1. Application: Electronic AWS District 20 application form, or AWS Section 75 Named scholarship application. Both are located at aws.org
2. Two letters of reference **only** – i.e., one documenting previous hands-on welding experience; the other documenting your ambitions, goals, leadership, and any other factors to assist the committee in judging your eligibility.
3. Personal Statement (Adjust the listed attributes to reflect your scholarship; the attributes listed are only provided as suggestions)
 - Demonstrated timeliness and completion of assignments
 - Creativity in solving problems
 - Demonstrated responsibility on own initiative
 - Ability to work well with others
 - Organizational skills (ability to handle multiple tasks, time management)
 - Participation in class, campus and outside organizations
 - Participation in AWS Student and Section activities
 - General Background information
 - Career Objectives
4. Original Official Transcript(s) sent directly from the college or university; high school students entering their first year of a welding program must provide an original official high school transcript. (Retain the high school student text if you are going to include first year college students in your applicant pool.)
5. Statement of Unmet Financial Need completed by an accredited academic institution even if no FAFSA was filed
6. Verification of Enrollment completed by college or university
7. Essay – i.e., “Why I Want to Pursue a Career in Welding.”
All essays should be 300-500 words in length, typewritten, and double-spaced.

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

Deadline

Application must be submitted by the deadline of the district 20 scholarships published by the AWS Foundation for the year the application is submitted. The deadline for the AWS Section 75 named scholarship application, found on the Section 75 website is May 15th for the year the application is submitted.

For More Information

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