American Welding Society Accepting Applications for National Scholarships

MIAMI, Fla., February 8, 2016 – The American Welding Society (AWS) is accepting applications for many of its national program scholarships including the Jackson Safety Scholarship for welding instructors and the Praxair Limited Scholarships for students pursuing welding programs in a college or university with a degree focused on welding. More information on these scholarships is below.

THE JACKSON SAFETY* SCHOLARSHIP
Jackson Safety* proudly supports welding instructors who passionately build skills in, and instill the importance of safety in welding students entering the workforce. Welding instructors are in the unique position to influence the long-term safety values of their students. This grant rewards exceptional instructors who make a difference in the safety behaviors of welders training under them.

These funds are for an employed welding instructor who wants to further his/her education. The applicant must be employed at a school that has at least 50 students certified annually through their welding program in the US or Canada. The school must be a trade/technical school or college, and may be public or private.

The award is $2,500 and may be used for professional development courses such as AWS Certification or AWS Learning courses; or for pursuit of an AAS or BS degree in Education related to welding instruction.

To apply, please visit the online scholarship portal at https://scholarship.aws.org. The deadline for this scholarship is February 16th. For additional information please contact Vicki at vpinsky@aws.org.

PRAXAIR LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS
Praxair is a Fortune 250 company and the largest industrial gases company in North and South America. The company produces, sells and distributes atmospheric, process and specialty gases and high-performance surface coatings. Through its distribution business, Praxair is a leading supplier of welding, cutting, specialty and medical gases and welding-related equipment and supplies. With its retail stores, cylinder-filling plants, distribution warehouses and online channels, Praxair Distribution serves over 500,000 customers and is recognized for its expertise in enhancing productivity.

Working together with AWS will help Praxair provide targeted support to welding and metal fabrication students as they prepare for rewarding careers in the industries and communities served by Praxair. Praxair is pleased to support the variety of scholarship opportunities offered by AWS.
The following will receive $2,000 to award scholarships based on criteria established by Praxair:

- Chicago, IL – Section 002
- Cleveland, OH – Section 006
- Dallas, TX – North Texas Section 053
- Detroit, MI – Section 011
- Fox Valley, WI – Section 074
- Houston, TX – Section 022
- Kansas City, MO – Section 016
- Los Angeles, CA – Section 008
- North Dakota – Northern Plains Section 117
- Portland, OR – Section 052
- Sacramento – Section 174
- Salt Lake City, UT – Utah Section 059
- Tulsa, OK – Section 034
- North Carolina – Two sections will divide the $2,000 (Charlotte-#140 and Triangle-#151)

Applicant must be a minimum of 18 years of age, at least a high school senior that will be (or has) applied to a certificate welding program or to a college/university for a 2 or 4 year degree focused on welding; have a 2.5 overall GPA; provide a letter of reference. Students may be full or part time, however, full time is preferred. Proof of financial need is not required to qualify. An applicant from an underrepresented group in the welding industry is preferred. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States and plan to attend an academic institution located within the specified Sections noted above. The deadline is April 1st. Contact Vicki at vpinsky@aws.org for an application.

To view all AWS National Scholarships please visit http://www.aws.org/about/page/national-scholarships.

About AWS
The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting process worldwide, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves over 72,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society’s website at http://www.aws.org and click on “Pressroom.”

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