American Welding Society Foundation Funds Welder Training Scholarships

MIAMI, Fla., March 1, 2016 – Students looking to pursue welding careers now have the opportunity to receive financial assistance through the American Welding Society’s (AWS) Welder Training Scholarship program.

The new program allows all 22 AWS Districts to provide funds to students seeking welder training through a trade school, community college, or other facility providing welder training programs. The AWS Welder Training Scholarship is for students seeking welder training in a program up to two years and cannot be used for credits towards a four-year program.

“Since 1989 AWS has provided over $7 million in scholarships and fellowships to students enrolled in welding and engineering programs across the country but the AWS Welder Training Scholarship program marks the first time we have a dedicated source of funding that is to be used only for welder training,” said William Rice, chairman of the American Welding Society Foundation.

The AWS Welder Training Scholarships will provide $10,000 for each AWS District. Ten awards at $1,000 each may be made to ten different recipients. The awards are available throughout the year as long as the District has a balance available. Awards are for tuition and fees only and will be paid directly to the academic institution by the AWS Foundation.

Applications should be sent to the AWS Foundation at 8669 NW 36 St. #130, Miami, FL 33166. AWS Foundation staff will then forward the applications received to the corresponding District Director on a quarterly basis starting in March 2016.

For more information on the AWS Welder Training Scholarship please visit www.aws.org/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.”

About AWS Foundation
The AWS Foundation was established by the American Welding Society on September 13, 1989, to support programs that ensure the growth and development of the welding industry through strengthening research and educational opportunities in welding and related industries. Led by a volunteer Board of Trustees, the Foundation is organized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Administration, including program development, fundraising, public relations, marketing and financial management, is provided by a small development staff of the American Welding Society. Its operations are conducted from the Society’s offices in Miami, Florida. For more information, visit http://www.aws.org/foundation.

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