1.0 Mission Statement

1.1 To establish a welding related education scholarship named the “Jerry Hope Endowment Scholarship” to benefit students and employers in the AWS District 19 region.

2.0 Eligibility Requirements

2.1 Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, Canadian Citizen, or possess a legal work permit and be a resident within the AWS District 19 region (WA, OR, AK, BC-Canada, or AB-Canada).

2.2 Applicants shall be enrolled or accepted as a student in an AWS District 19 approved welding related educational degree program.

2.3 As a minimum, applicants must be a high school graduate or possess a GED equivalent.

2.4 Applicants shall show a financial need, with the assistance of their Institution’s Financial Aid Office, or be enrolled as a full time student with a minimum GPA of 2.8 or 70%. The GPA shall be based on a high school GPA less than 3 years old or a college GPA with at least 20 quarter credits or 15 semester credits.

2.5 Applicants must fill out the scholarship application and provide any documentation requested in the application instructions. Applications shall be sent to the AWS Foundation by April 1 of each year or submitted to a member of a local AWS Section Board by May 1 of each year.

3.0 Scholarship Priorities

3.1 Priorities for the distribution of available funds typically will be in the following order:

3.1.1 Students seeking a Bachelor of Science or higher degree (anywhere in the United States or Canada) in Welding Engineering; Welding Engineering Technology; or a student seeking Bachelor of Science or higher degree in Materials/Metallurgical Engineering (preferably with an emphasis on welding and/or the metallurgy of weldable metals) and who possesses either:

3.1.1.1 a 2-year Associate degree in Welding Technology

3.1.1.2 a 2-year Welding Engineering Technology diploma

3.1.1.3 a current “Record or Welder Qualification” in at least one welding process in all positions plus 2-years minimum welding experience.

3.1.1.4 a current “Welding Inspector” certification plus 2-years minimum welding related experience.
3.1.2 Students seeking a Bachelor of Science or higher degree in Mechanical Engineering; Civil/Structural Engineering; or Chemical Engineering (anywhere in USA or Canada), who possess either:

3.1.2.1 a 2-year Associate degree in Welding Technology
3.1.2.2 a 2-year Welding Engineering Technology diploma
3.1.2.3 a current “Record or Welder Qualification” in at least one welding process in all positions plus 2-years minimum welding experience.
3.1.2.4 a current “Welding Inspector” certification plus 2-years minimum welding related experience.

3.2 Students seeking a 2-year Associate Degree in Welding Technology or a 2-year Welding or Materials Engineering Technology diploma (anywhere within District 19).

4.0 Required Documentation

4.1 Application with applicant’s signature and recommending instructor’s/sponsor’s signature. Include the school’s Financial Aid officer’s signature approving of financial need if the GPA requirements are not met. A sponsor may be any board member from the applicant’s local AWS section.

4.2 Personal statement to assist in judging eligibility.

4.3 Prior high school and college transcripts if GPA requirements have been met.

4.4 For welders or welding inspectors seeking an engineering degree, provide a certificate, diploma, and/or “Record(s) of Welder Qualification”.

5.0 Administration of Scholarship Funds

5.1 Scholarship funds shall be used for tuition, books, supplies, and related institutional costs.

5.2 Payments shall be coordinated through the school.

5.3 Unspent funds may be used for following quarters/semesters or shall be returned to the District Director.

6.0 Scholarship Amounts and Future Scholarships

6.1 Scholarships amounts are based on available annual distributions of the Jerry Hope Endowment Scholarship fund located with the AWS Foundation.

6.2 To be eligible for additional scholarship funds for future quarters/semesters, the applicant shall perform the following:
6.2.1 Submit proof of a written Letter of Appreciation for the previous year’s funds to the Section that they reside in.

6.2.2 Submit proof of attendance to at least one Section meeting for each quarter or semester in which the funds were used during the one-year period prior to the application.

6.2.3 Submit a new application and a copy of their previous application.

6.2.4 Submit a Letter of Recommendation from their welding instructor or sponsor.

6.2.5 Submit transcripts to prove minimum GPA of 2.8 or 70% has been maintained.