



American Welding Society®  
FOUNDATION

# AWS SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

The future of welding needs you



The American Welding Society Foundation supports the growth of the welding industry through scholarships, grants, research, and workforce development.

Since 1989, the American Welding Society Foundation has awarded over \$15 million in scholarships, grants, and research fellowships. Today, the AWS Foundation awards more than \$2 million annually to support the next generation of leaders in the welding industry.

## AWS Foundation Scholarships

### NATIONAL, DISTRICT, SECTION AND WELDER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

#### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- ◆ Four-Year
- ◆ Two-Year
- ◆ Certificate
- ◆ \$2,000 - \$5,000+

#### DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

- ◆ Four-Year
- ◆ Two-Year
- ◆ Certificate
- ◆ \$1,000 average

#### SECTION AND DISTRICT NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

- ◆ Criteria and award amount vary by scholarship

#### WELDER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

- ◆ Open to Certificate-Seeking Student Only
- ◆ \$1,000 each

*Deadline March 1st for Scholarships to be used the following fall term.*

*Applications accepted year-round with selections made on a rolling basis.*

Learn more at [aws.org/scholarships](https://aws.org/scholarships)

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### OTHER AWS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

#### WELDING COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Each AWS District has scholarship funds to award to winners of local welding competitions. Competitions are chosen by the District Director and District leadership.

#### CAREERS IN WELDING TOP SCORE SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each day of the mobile exhibit tour to the person who scores highest on the VRTEX virtual reality welding simulator. Learn more about the mobile exhibit at [careersinwelding.com/mobile-exhibit](http://careersinwelding.com/mobile-exhibit).

#### INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

For students who reside and attend school internationally – they can apply for our International Scholarship.

#### WELDING EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for welding instructors to pursue professional development courses or to use for an advanced degree.

## AWS Foundation Grants

#### WELDING WORKFORCE GRANT

Grants up to \$25,000 are available for secondary and post-secondary education/training institutions to enhance and improve welding programs resulting in an increase in the number of welding graduates and/or the number of graduates successfully placed in welding or welding-related jobs. Schools must be AWS Educational Institution Members to apply.

#### LIGHT A SPARK GRANT

Miller® and the AWS Foundation have partnered to establish the Light a Spark Grant. This grant provides a starter package of equipment and supplies to introduce welding into a high school Ag-Ed Program, Career and Technical Education Class, or Practical Skills Course. Up to 10 starter packages valued at more than \$10,000 each will be awarded annually.



#### ABOUT THE AWS FOUNDATION

The mission of the AWS Foundation is to empower the next generation of welding professionals through scholarships, grants, and other educational and workforce development initiatives. Whether you're a student, educator, or educational institution, the AWS Foundation can support your goals and help ensure a bright future for the welding industry. You can learn more about all that is available through the AWS Foundation at [aws.org/foundation](http://aws.org/foundation).

#### ABOUT AWS

The American Welding Society is the worldwide authority in the development of standards, certifications and educational programming for the welding community. We are committed to connecting the welding industry to our extensive collection of resources, informing our members of technological advancements, and developing the next generation of welding professionals.

For more information, visit [aws.org](http://aws.org).



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