American Welding Society

COLUMBUS SECTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT RULES

To contribute to the education of students in the field of Welding, Welding Technology, and Welding Engineering

> Provided through the AWS Foundation, Inc. 8669 Doral Boulevard Suite 130 Miami, Florida 33166



Columbus Section Scholarship

Introduction

Over many years the leadership of the Columbus Section has exercised sound financial judgment. Present leadership determined that the best use of accumulated funds would be an endowed scholarship. Since the source of these monies was section membership and other fund raising within the section it was decided that the recipients of the scholarship should be individuals whose homes are within the section. The future of welding depends upon welders, welding technologists, and welding engineers. As such, this scholarship is open to students of all welding-focused pursuits.

High school academic performance and activities will be considered for applicants who have not yet started their post-secondary education. Applicants with post-secondary academic results will be evaluated on those results.

<u>The applicant's choice of study will determine the focus of the selection committee.</u> Those pursuing <u>welding</u> should demonstrate excellence in welding; strong academic performance is appreciated. Those pursuing <u>welding technology</u> should show academic performance and welding experience. Those pursuing <u>welding engineering</u> should demonstrate excellence in academic performance especially in math and the sciences; experience with welding is beneficial.

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of the Columbus Section Scholarship is to encourage the pursuit of careers in Welding, Welding Technology, and Welding Engineering through financial support of students in those studies.

<u>Eligibility</u>

- 1. Applicant must be seeking education in welding, welding technology, or welding engineering.
- 2. Applicant must have a high school diploma or be in senior year of high school.
- 3. Applicant must be enrolled full time or part time.
- 4. Applicant must submit all required application information.
- 5. Applicant must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States.
- 6. Applicant must reside (this is the applicant's permanent home address, not a temporary school address) within the scholarship boundaries as defined on January 1 in the year of award. The scholarship boundaries are the entirety of the following Ohio counties: Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Richland, Ross, Union, Vinton, and Wyandot.
- 7. Applicants may reapply; persons who have received this award may reapply.
- 8. Applicant does not have to be a member of the American Welding Society.

Discrimination

The American Welding Society, AWS Foundation, and AWS Sections do not discriminate by age, race, color, national origin, disability, creed, religion, gender, or any means protected by federal law.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee (comprised of Section members as determined by the Section) will determine award recipient(s).

<u>Awards</u>

Yearly award is provided by the Columbus Section Scholarship endowment with the AWS Foundation. The Selection Committee may:

- allocate the entire award to a single applicant, or
- split the award among multiple applicants, or
- make a partial award to one or more applicants, or
- make no award if there are no qualified applicants.

All decisions are final. No awards will be paid to the recipient. All awards are for tuition and fees only, and will be paid directly to the academic institution by the AWS Foundation.

Application Procedure

Applicant must submit the following:

- 1. Complete application via <u>https://scholarship.aws.org/applications/</u>.
- 2. Original Official Transcript(s) enclosed in an envelope sealed by the registrar of the welding school, trade school, college, or university; high school students entering their first year of a program must provide an original official high school transcript. Transcripts must extend back at least one full academic year.
- 3. Verification of Enrollment completed by welding school, trade school, college, or university.
- 4. Essay "Why I Want to Pursue a Career in Welding, Welding Technology, or Welding Engineering." Essay should be 300 to 500 words in length.

Please note: Recipients may be required to submit a color digital photograph for publicity purposes.

<u>Deadline</u>

Deadline for application is March 1.

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