

Praxair Limited Scholarship

Introduction

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.

Purpose

- In supporting the AWS scholarship program, PDI hopes to:
 - Call broad attention to high paying jobs in welding industry – and lack of skilled labor
 - Help to address the shortage of welders in the United States
 - Improve access to scholarship dollars for students pursuing a career in welding
 - Create broader awareness of Praxair in our communities.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a minimum of eighteen years of age.
2. Applicants must be 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 year or 4 year degree focused on welding
3. Applicant must have a 2.5 overall grade point average.
4. Applicant must provide a letter of reference indicating how they will use their welding education.
5. Student may be enrolled full or part time, however, full time is preferred.
6. Proof of financial need is not required to qualify.
7. Applicant must submit all required application information.
8. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States and plan to attend an academic institution located within the specified 13 sections
9. Applicant must attend school in the Section where the scholarship is given, and reside in the state where the Section is located.
10. Applicants may reapply; however, persons who have received this award may reapply and may be granted the award for a maximum of 2 years.
11. Applicant from an underrepresented group in the welding industry is preferred.

The AWS Foundation does not discriminate by age, race, color, national origin, disability, creed, or gender.

Selection

The Selection Committees (comprised of Section members as determined by the Section Chair) will determine the recipients at their annual meeting held in late spring or early summer of each year.

Awards

Twenty six (26) awards will be made to students who reside/attend school in the following AWS Sections:

- 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
- Salt Lake City, UT – Utah Section 059
- Tulsa, OK – Section 034
- North Carolina – Two sections will divide the \$2,000 each year (Charlotte-#140 and Triangle-#151)

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 Information

Applicant must submit the following information:

1. Application (form)
2. Two letters of reference
3. Personal Statement
 - Demonstrated timeliness and completion of assignments
 - Creativity in solving problems
 - Demonstrated responsibility on own initiative
 - Ability to work well with others
 - Organizational skills (ability to handle multiple tasks, time management)
 - Participation in class, campus and outside organizations
 - Participation in AWS Student and Section activities
 - General Background information
 - Career Objectives
4. Official Transcript(s) sent directly from the college or university
5. Statement of Unmet Financial Need completed by an accredited academic institution even if no FAFSA was filed
6. Verification of Enrollment completed by college or university

Please note: Recipients may be asked to submit a 5 x 7 head and shoulders black and white photograph for publicity purposes.

Deadline

Deadline for application is May 1st for the following Fall Term

For More Information

AWS Foundation, Inc.
8669 NW 36 Street, #130
Miami, FL 33166
800-443-9353, extension 250

Mail to:
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8669 NW 36 Street, Suite 130
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American Welding Society
Praxair Limited Scholarship Application

Submission Deadline:
May 1st

Student ID Number _____ AWS Member (optional) Y/N If yes, # _____ Date _____

Applicant's Name _____

Current Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Are you employed? If so, please provide the following:

Employer's Name _____

Employer's Phone Number _____ Supervisor's Name _____

Proposed School (Institute, College or University) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Proposed Major Area of Study _____

Starting Date _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

I affirm that the information I have provided on this application and the supporting material is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that furnishing false information may result in not being considered or revocation of financial aid at some later date.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(If under 18 years of age)

Hometown Newspaper _____ Contact Name _____

Mailing address _____ Contact Telephone _____

If you are selected as a District Scholarship recipient, the AWS Foundation may request your photograph and/or testimonial for promotion and public relations purposes. Please indicate below

Yes, I will approve use of my information/photo **No**, I will not approve the use of my information/photo

Signed _____

List Schools You Have Attended (High School to Present)

Name of School	Street/City/State/Zip	Date attended

Continue on separate sheet if needed.

◆◆◆ Attach a transcript from all previous schools attended. ◆◆◆

Activities Record (Include AWS, School, and Community Activities and Honors)

Indicate in the spaces provided the grade levels in which you participated in the listed activity.

Name of Activity	11 th	12 th	Post Secondary	Offices and Honors

Continue on separate sheet if needed.

Work Experience (Include present and previous employment)

Total number of hours worked per week _____ Total amount earned per week \$ _____

Month/year	to	Month/year	Company

Continue on separate sheet if needed.

Financial Aid Report

You must attach an official letter generated by the financial aid office at your school indicating your current student budget, needs analysis, and financial aid awards, including scholarships. Contact the financial aid office to obtain this aid information, as you will need to sign a release form.

List of Personal References

Name	Address	Telephone Number	Occupation

Career Influence: Which welding instructor influenced you the most to make welding your career choice?

Instructor's Name: _____ School or Educational Institute: _____

◆◆◆ Attach a personal statement that would assist in judging your eligibility ◆◆◆

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

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