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# ANNOUNCING A NEW PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND GROW WELDING TRAINING

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Application Deadline:

**October 1, 2017 at 5:00 pm EDT**

# AWS Foundation Grants Program to Benefit Welding Education and Training Schools

In a new grants program approved by AWS, financial benefits will be offered to qualified welding training institutions. AWS has approved a transfer of funds to the AWS Foundation for the purpose of offering grants to secondary and postsecondary schools that wish to increase the number of welding graduates and facilitate job placement.

“The AWS Foundation is extremely pleased to offer this new form of funding for schools that share its goals for building the welding workforce,” said AWS Foundation Chair William Rice.

## Available Funds

Up to \$250,000 will be available in 2017 to be awarded to schools for the purposes listed. The grants will be provided up to \$25,000 for a single entity, and only one grant per school will be made in any given year.

Educational institutions eligible for the grants include high schools, trade/technical schools, and community colleges. Preference will be given to organizations listed as AWS SENSE schools, and to applications that include a level of matching support (financial and in-kind).

## Grant Application Process

Schools interested in the grants must submit an application to the AWS Foundation listing specific activities that will be implemented. Applications will be reviewed by the AWS Foundation Grants Committee and selected based on the following criteria:

1. What the funding will be used for, including expected outcomes and measures of success;
2. What strategies will be implemented to achieve the outcomes; and
3. The application’s relevance to areas of interest to the AWS Foundation.

Applications for the first year of the program must be submitted by Oct. 1 to Vicki Pinsky, AWS Foundation, 8669 NW 36 St., Suite 130, Miami, FL

33166, or emailed by the same date to [vpinsky@aws.org](mailto:vpinsky@aws.org).

Grants awarded may be used for classroom and lab materials, facility improvements, capital items, computers and computer-based training systems, metalworking equipment purchases and upgrades, as well as expanding teaching staff.

Funds cannot be used for any program nor area not related to welding education or training, travel expenses, tuition or scholarships, textbooks or teaching materials, personal protective equipment, or indirect costs.


## Requirements If Selected for a Grant

For schools selected to receive a grant, the AWS Foundation will audit the success of the project throughout the term of funding at regular intervals. A summary of progress to date

with specific, detailed information will be required. Projects will be measured against the original application submitted, and a final report including project success as well as an itemized budget will be required. At its discretion, the AWS Foundation may audit student competency against program goals.

A contract must be signed by both the AWS Foundation and the grantee. Funds will be distributed only to the education/training institution, and the release of funds will occur at intervals determined by the AWS Foundation and based on the project activities. Requests for funds must include the following:

1. A summary of progress to date with detailed information; and
2. An itemized invoice.

To obtain a formal grant application, visit the AWS Foundation at [aws.org/FdnGrant](http://aws.org/FdnGrant). 



*This year, the AWS Foundation plans to award up to \$250,000 in grants to qualified welding training institutions.*