The Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing, Inc.
Manufacturing Related Scholarship
Due May 1, 2020

Scholarship Guidelines
The Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing, Inc. and the SVAM Scholarship Committee will select and offer scholarships to eligible graduating high school students who wish to pursue post-secondary education in a manufacturing related field. Students will be eligible for up to $1,000 in scholarship funds. Scholarships will be awarded based on the standards and requirements adopted by the Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing Board of Directors and the SVAM Scholarship Committee. The scholarship will be for one year and can be used for tuition, books, and school fees.

Student Requirements
• Student must be a graduating senior from a school in the following jurisdictions* in Virginia: Smyth County, Washington County, Russell County, Tazewell County, Wise County, Wythe County, Grayson County, Scott County, Carroll County, Buchanan County, or the City of Bristol.
• Student must submit a completed application form.
• If invited by the Scholarship Committee, the student must complete a phone interview.
• Student must be seeking education in a manufacturing-related field with a desire to pursue a career in manufacturing, preferably in southwest Virginia.

When applying for a scholarship, SVAM will take into the account the following factors:
1) Letter of Recommendation (from teacher or other school professional)
2) Grade Point Average
3) Financial Need
4) Career Path - as it Relates to Manufacturing
5) Applicant's Desire to stay in the Region
6) Interview
7) Employment (if applicable)
8) Technical Training Experience (if applicable)

Major Field of Study
Students applying for a scholarship should work toward a degree and/or certificate in a field of study that relates to manufacturing, which includes hands-on programs such as welding and machining, technical programs such as Computer Aided Drafting/Design, Robotics, and Manufacturing/Industrial Engineering, and business programs such as administration, finance, marketing, human resources or accounting.

Additional Support
Any student interested in applying who finds any of the requirements to be a barrier to application should contact SVAM to receive support. SVAM can mail a paper application to a student upon request.

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*Counties listed are those in which SVAM member companies reside.