

## **Matthew Chase**

Brigham Young University-Idaho Welding Engineering Technology Hometown: North Pole, AK

2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

#### Thank You Note

Thank you for awarding me a scholarship of 5,000 dollars. The generosity of groups willing to donate towards the education of individual students like me cannot be appreciated enough. The weight this relieves to provide for the expenses of school, as well of the cost of living, enables me to focus more on classes and academics. This helps me obtain the absolute best experience I can have earning a



bachelors degree in welding engineering technology from Brigham Young University - Idaho. The world wide industry of welding has need for people with knowledge and skills on all different levels. I seek to become a valuable asset to the world of welding throughout my career.

Thank you, Matthew Chase

### **Braden Cowell**

Ferris State University Welding Engineering

Hometown: Williamsville, NY 2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

### Thank You Note

I wanted to take the time to say thank you for the amazing gift. This will help with my education more than you can imagine. It is incredible to have been recognized by such an amazing company that of which I have personally used their products. I cannot wait to be able to use my education to inspire and teach the next generation of welders and engineers like you have done for me.





## **Dallin Griffin**

Tulsa Welding School - Oklahoma

Welding

Hometown: Yuma, AZ

2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

### Thank You Note

I want to thank the American Welding Society for awarding me this \$5,000 ESAB Scholarship. This scholarship, in combination with the Welding Trainer Scholarship, will allow me to complete both a professional welder certificate and quality control inspector certificate in welding at Tulsa Welding School without accruing any financial debt. I am humbled and beyond grateful for this generous award.

Sincerely, Dallin A. Griffin



# **Aidan Hallquist**

Iron Eagle Welding Academy Welding Technology Hometown: Saint Joseph, MO

2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

### Thank You Note

Dear ESAB Scholarship committee,

I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to receive this scholarship. I was very shocked to hear that I received this scholarship. What an honor to receive this scholarship. I have struggled all through my years in school with dyslexia and when I found welding, I knew I found my calling. I love to work with my hands and welding has become



something that I have learned and perfecting. I am excited to take it to the next level. I am from a family of four siblings and from a middle class family so this scholarship is making a huge difference with our finances. I start school on Monday and am very excited to start this endeavor in the pipe welding field. When finished, I want to travel. Thank you again for making a big difference in my future. I know once on my feet, I will be happy to pay it forward for other people in need. Thank you again, Aidan Hallquist



## Hezekiah Heard

Southern Arkansas University Tech

Welding

Hometown: Hot Springs, AR

2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Thank You Note

Dear ESAB Scholarship Donors,

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the ESAB Scholarship. I am incredibly honored and appreciative to have been chosen as a recipient of this prestigious award.



Because of your generous donation, I will be able to attend Southern Arkansas University Tech and earn my welding certification and become an integral part of the workforce. The money awarded from this scholarship will be utilized for tuition and equipment. This scholarship will not only assist me in achieving my educational goals but will also serve as a constant reminder of the faith you have placed in me. I am committed to working hard and making the most of this opportunity.

Thank you for choosing to invest in me, because you are investing in a future generation of skilled workers. I appreciate your generosity, support, and belief in my potential. I am truly humbled and honored to be a recipient of this scholarship.

Sincerely, Hezekiah Heard



## **Seth LeFevre**

Ferris State University Welding Engineering Technology Hometown: Bay City, MI

2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

### Thank You Note

I'm grateful to be selected for the ESAB scholarship, thank you to the AWS and ESAB for enabling me to continue my welding education!



## Rohanna Seymour

Columbia Gorge Community College

Welding

Hometown: Mosier, OR

2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

### Thank You Note

Dear ESAB,

Thank you for believing in the future of the next generations of welders and fabricators. I am honored that I got chosen as a recipient of this scholarship, and I will forever be grateful. It makes me proud to wear a ESAB helmet because I am proud to be supported by a company who gives



back and believes in my future. Thank you for all that you do, and if I am ever in a position to give back in any way, I always will. Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart. Me and my family are very grateful.



## **Abbie Strait**

Triangle Tech Inc-Dubois

Welding

Hometown: Duke Center, PA

2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

### Thank You Note

I can't begin to relay my excitement! It is a great honor to receive the ESAB Scholarship that will help fund the expenses of my education at Triangle Tech-DuBois. I am so grateful for your support, and I would like to thank you for taking the time to review my application and choosing me.

I believe this path, as a female welder, is an awesome opportunity to be successful in the future



and enable me to live the lifestyle that I've always wanted. I've dreamt of working outdoors, living life without financial worry, and possibly choosing my days/hours of work. Receiving this scholarship will allow me to continue chasing my dreams. Your investment in my future goals will not be forgotten.

Please know, I intend to work hard and make you proud of your decision.

Thank you again for your generous and thoughtful gift.

Sincerely, Abbie Elisa Strait



## **Trevor Townson**

Ferris State University
Welding Engineering Technology
Hometown: Clarkston, MI

2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Thank You Note

Dear ESAB,

It is such an honor to receive your generous ESAB scholarship that will help me fund my education at Ferris State University. I have certainly faced some financial challenges in the past academic year, so to be the recipient of this reward feels almost surreal. In the fall of 2023 I will be entering my sophomore



year of the welding engineering technology program at Ferris. I will be taking classes such as Welding Fabrication 1 and Quality Testing. This money will be incredibly helpful for funding my sophomore capstone project that I will be working on all year. I plan to continue my education at Ferris State University and obtain my bachelors degree with the long-term goal of landing a job in the automotive or welding sector where I can work to help improve and innovate the industry.

When I told my mother about receiving this scholarship she burst into tears and was in disbelief. Ever since my father has passed away, money has been tight for my family so thanks to the generosity of ESAB an incredible financial burden has been alleviated. This money will allow me to focus on my studies and practice my craft so that I can be an exceptional tool in the field of welding engineering. I hope to one day become financially sufficient so that I can help struggling students achieve their goals like this scholarship has done for me. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Sincerely, Trevor Townson



# **Zachary Williams**

Lake Washington Technical College Welding Technology

Hometown: Kirkland, WA

2023 Recipient – ESAB Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Thank You Note

To ESAB,

Thank you for providing me with the funding to continue my education. I hope to make the most out of my scholarship and will put in the time, effort, and attention required to become the best welder I can. Besides paying for school tuition and materials, I intend to take several weld tests that



your scholarship will help me pay for, getting my foot in the door for potential careers. I am extremely grateful to be selected for this scholarship, and I send my sincere thank you for making it possible.

-Zack Williams



## Alexandrah Crow

Lewis-Clark State College

Welding

Hometown: Boise, ID

2023 Recipient – Victor Technologies Cutting and

Welding Scholarship Amount: \$5,000

### Thank You Note

The purpose of my letter is to thank you for your \$5,000 Victor Technologies Cutting and Welding Scholarship. I was incredibly grateful and humbled to be selected as the recipient of this scholarship. I am a second-year student at Lewis-Clark State College and almost finished with my journey toward becoming a welder. I completed my



associates welding degree at the end of the spring semester and want to get a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies tailored towards welding. I graduated from Centennial High School in June of 2021, and I will continue attending Lewis-Clark State College in the fall of 2023. As a dedicated student, I have maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout High School and have participated in numerous extracurricular activities.

Additionally, I have been able to hold a 3.8 cumulative GPA during my second year of college. During high school, as a female wrestler, I achieved the State Championship in my weight class. Additionally, as a high school student, I was the Vice President of the ASL Club and a member of the Sources of Strength (SOS) Club. The SOS Club is committed to identifying and supporting teens at risk of suicide. I want to have a positive impact in society by helping others in need and demonstrating that women can achieve anything they want to. During college, I became the treasurer for the LCSC Rodeo/Equine Club, where we actively volunteer and participate in the riding community. Additionally, I am active around campus at events that LCSC's WEB groups create, and events hosted by RA's. Furthermore, I use the resources and amenities that LCSC offers to stay active and connected to my fellow LCSC students.

Thanks to your scholarship, I am getting closer to being able to reach my goal of becoming a female welder. Thanks to the Victor Technologies Cutting and Welding Scholarship, you have helped lighten the financial burden of attending college. Your generous funds will allow me to focus more on the important work of my college education instead of stressing over payment plans. I will use your investment to earn my degree so that I can help our nation continue to strive toward opportunities for women and equality for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to reach my goals and give something back to the world.



# Joshua Farley

LeTourneau University
Materials Joining Engineering
Hometown: Peachtree Corners, GA
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### Thank You Note

Victor Technologies,

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship; this award has made attending Letourneau financially feasible. I was first introduced to welding while taking a merit badge class at a Boy Scout summer camp which I later



learned was sponsored by the AWS. My school received the Light a Spark grant through the AWS, which helped me grow my passion for welding. And through contacts within AWS, I got a job at Fascinate, a fabrication shop, where I have learned valuable skills that will assist me for the rest of my career and life. I am so grateful for all that the AWS has done for me along the way. I am very excited to continue on my welding journey and hope to make a career out of it. If there is anything that I can do to help spread the message and the opportunities that AWS offers, please let me know, as I would like to give back in whatever way possible.

Joshua