



The Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing, Inc.  
Manufacturing Related Scholarship  
**Due March 31, 2017**

**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. 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 counties: Smyth County, Washington County, Russell County, Tazewell County, Wythe County, Grayson County, Scott County or Buchanan County.
- Student must submit a completed application form.
- If invited by the Scholarship Committee, the student must complete an in-person 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) Applicant must provide letters of recommendation from teachers or other school professionals.
- 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) Established Technical Training (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

**Scholarship Committee**

The Scholarship Committee will consist of representatives from SVAM Member companies.

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

**Timeline**

March 31

APPLICATIONS DUE

April 3-14

APPLICATION REVIEW/SET UP INTERVIEWS

SVAM Scholarship Committee

April 17-28

INTERVIEWS

SVAM Scholarship Committee

May 8

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

May

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

SVAM Membership