

# New Scholarship For Students Of Manufacturing

CHELMSFORD, Mass. and ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. — [The Association for Manufacturing Excellence \(AME\)'s](#) [1] scholarship funding arm, AME Institute, and [Kronos Incorporated](#) [2] has announced a new scholarship for students interested in manufacturing careers through the [Dr. Sherrie Ford Manufacturing as a Career Path 2014-2015 Scholarship Program](#) [3].

The most pressing workforce challenge facing U.S. manufacturers today is a mounting skills gap — with a moderate to severe shortage of available, qualified workers — a trend anticipated to worsen in the next three to five years. Nearly six hundred thousand manufacturing jobs remain unfilled because of this skills gap.

“Nearly 80 percent of manufacturers in the U.S. are facing a shortage of skilled labor. In conjunction with the AME Institute and Kronos, we are excited to offer this scholarship that supports and promotes manufacturing as a career path,” says Paul G. Kuchuris, Jr., president, The Association for Manufacturing Excellence.

Scholarships will be awarded to 15 U.S.-based student applicants entering an accredited college or trade school in the next academic year, beginning in the fall semester. Each recipient will receive a financial scholarship and an additional signing bonus will be offered to those recipients who complete their programs and enter the manufacturing workforce. Eligible applicants include individuals who are currently graduating from high school or those with prior work experience who are seeking a college education.

The AME Institute and Kronos recognize the critical role that the workforce plays in a manufacturer’s ability to be productive, innovative and globally competitive. By offering this scholarship, the AME Institute and Kronos are contributing to the development of the U.S. manufacturing workforce of the future.

“Kronos helps thousands of manufacturers around the world to optimize their workforce,” explains Charlie DeWitt, vice president, business development, Kronos. “We look forward to working with the AME Institute to inspire the manufacturing workforce of the future.”

The first 300 applications will be considered for the upcoming fall term. Applications are now being accepted and are due June 13, 2014.

For complete scholarship requirements and application guidelines, please visit <http://www.ame.org/manufacturing-scholarship-program> [3] or contact Nancy Wajler, AME director of education and training, at [nwajler@ame.org](mailto:nwajler@ame.org) [4].

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