



**GREAT FALLS
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2017-2018 GFCMSU Welding and Fabrication Scholarship Application Instructions

The Welding and Fabrication Scholarship Program at Great Falls College MSU centralizes multiple donor funded scholarships into a single application form. The GFCMSU Welding and Fabrication Scholarships are \$1000 scholarships. The number of scholarships awarded will be based on available funding. The awards will be disbursed in two equal segments, one for each semester (Fall and Spring). Each semester, upon verification after the 15th day of class that the recipients are enrolled in the specified course work for Welding program, the scholarship will be applied to the student account for payment toward tuition, fees, books, and supplies. To receive the second semester portion of the scholarship, recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress and hold a 2.5 cumulative G.P.A at Great Falls College MSU.

ELIGIBILITY The **GFC MSU Welding and Fabrication Scholarship** award recognizes students who:

- Will be enrolled at Great Falls College MSU as a regular student in the Welding program
- Possess and maintain a 2.5 GPA or above
- Are a Montana Resident
- Demonstrate their personal desire to become a skilled welder through the GFC MSU welding program
- Meet additional requirements as determined by each available scholarship. (see below)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- The **Loenbro Welding Scholarship** will award up to four (4) \$1000 scholarships. Must be enrolled as a regular student in the Welding CAS or AAS program (not Dual Enrollment).
- The **General Distributing Company Welding and Fabrication Scholarship** will award up to three (3) \$1000 scholarships. May be enrolled as a regular student or a Dual Enrollment student in the Welding CAS or AAS program. Must be a resident of Cascade County, or a bordering county. Must demonstrate financial need.
 - **About General Distributing:** General Distributing is a family owned business that has been serving Montana since 1948. They focus on industrial welding gases, specialty gases, welding and plasma equipment and accessories, and safety supplies. General Distributing serves over 5,000 customers across the state of Montana.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Scholarship Application:** Complete the application form in its entirety. (see page two)
2. **Personal Statement:** One concise statement in paragraph format summarizing why you are pursuing a career in Welding and Fabrication, and how you will reach your goals. Include obstacles to overcome, short and long-term goals, statement of financial need, and any other information you wish to share. Please limit to no more than one page.
3. **Letter of Recommendation:** Submit ONE letter from an instructor or from a personal reference, such as an employer, pastor, supervisor, etc. The letter must include the name, place of employment, position, and contact information of person making recommendation.
4. **Current Unofficial Transcripts:** New freshmen must submit a current high school transcript. Transfer students must submit the most recent college transcript. Continuing GFC students who have **completed** at least one term at Great Falls College MSU do not need to submit transcripts.



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APPLICATION DEADLINE: The application and all documents must be postmarked by **August 11, 2017**. Please mail or submit to:

Financial Aid Office
Great Falls College MSU
2100 16th Ave South
Great Falls, MT 59405
FAX: (406) 771-4410

The Scholarship Selection Committee has the right to reject any incomplete applications.

Name _____

GFC MSU Student ID _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

High School Last Attended _____ Date of High School Graduation _____

Year Attending GFC MSU _____

US Citizen Yes No

State of Legal Residence _____ If Montana, county _____

Are you currently employed Yes No

If yes, please list Current Employer _____

Hours worked/week _____

Federal law requires Great Falls College MSU to obtain written permission from the awardee for the release of academic and biographical information to the scholarship donor and/or news media. By signing below, I agree that relevant information may be released. Furthermore, by signing below, I confirm the accuracy of the enclosed information and understand that any false or misleading statements may invalidate my application.

Signature _____ Date _____