



# American Welding Society

## Detroit Section

### ***2019-2020 Patron's Fund Donations***

Our goal at the AWS Detroit Section is "to advance the science, technology and application of welding." We accomplish this by promoting education and Section participation.

It is time again this year to ask you for your generosity in contributing to the Patron's Fund. We will, as always, contribute 100% of these funds directly towards scholarships for students who are pursuing careers in Welding Engineering and Welding Technology. Each year the American Welding Society Detroit Section sponsors many students with these funds, and because this is such an important part of giving back to the industry that supports us, we hope you can help us by being a proud supporter in this effort. I have included the announcement letter which shows the many 2018-19 scholarship recipients that were helped in part by contributions from our Patrons in past years.

To be a Patron, simply send a check made out to the American Welding Society Detroit Section for a minimum of \$100 or visit our website at <http://www.awsdetroit.org/scholarships.html>, at the bottom of the scholarship page there is a "Pay Now" button. I encourage you to please consider a contribution of more than the \$100.00 minimum, and here's why.

This year my plea for your support is with more intensity than ever before. The last four years were remarkable years for Patron contributions. Through you, our Patrons, we were able to raise \$9000 last year. Over the last four years the Patrons have helped us raise nearly \$40,000. This year again my goal is \$15,000. That may sound ambitious, but I'm sure that many, if not all of you, have had an opportunity to interview applicants for welding related positions within your company. If so, you've probably noticed that although the ambition may be there with these potential new hires, the skill sets may not. That's where the funding comes in. The cost of education is high, and with your help we can provide students that are seeking careers in welding related positions with financial assistance to improve those skills. This creates a stronger, better educated, workforce and a more efficient and profitable company for you. Additionally, you'll be recognized in the industry for your contributions. Patrons are made known to the membership in the monthly technical bulletin, to the industry on the AWS website, and are further acknowledged with a listing in the annual Ladies Night Program.

If you are a Patron, we thank you for your support, and ask you to please consider increasing your contribution. Whether a longtime Patron or a first-time Patron, your help will assist us to bring about an educated future workforce.

I thank you in advance for your contribution, and await your rapid response for the 2019/2020 season.

**Please make contributions payable to: AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY DETROIT SECTION**

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