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## FINANCING OPTIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS

\*ALL information located on our website for easy access – “Tuition Assistance” tab\*

TUITION ASSISTANCE – American Welding Academy is a new private institution and is not a part of the Federal \*Nationally Accredited) Program which means we cannot accept PELL Grants and/or FAFSA school loans at this time. American Welding Academy does accept scholarships and grants. Enrolling students may also use personal loans backed with co-signing guardians and/or collateral to secure funds for tuition.

### 1. **FIRST COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION**

\*\*Equity loans and traditional personal loans with variable terms based on qualifications\*\*

**Washington Location:** (inside Walmart) 1701 A Roy Dr., Washington, MO 63090

**Chesterfield Location:** MAIN Office – 17151 Chesterfield Airport Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63005

Phone: (636) 728-3333.

### 2. **MERITIZE**

**“Get Credit for your Merit”**

We have partnered with the Meritize Platform to provide our students with financing options to fund your education. With a Meritize Loan, you can get credit for your merit and potentially improve your loan options by sharing your academic history or military background, if approved, full deferment during school is available for certain products.

Check you loan options in minutes without impacting your credit score at:

<https://apply.meritize.com>

Meritize Lending, LLC, NMLS ID 1661035 (NMLS Consumer Access)

<https://www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org>

Meritize Financial, Inc. NMLS ID 1986399 (NMLS Consumer Access)

<https://www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org>

Terms and Conditions apply. Meritize branded loan products are educational loans issued by Meritize Lending, LLC\*\*. Meritize reserves the right to modify or discontinue products and benefits at any time without notice. To qualify, a borrower must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or hold an Employment Authorization Document and meet Meritize’s underwriting requirements. If approved for a loan the actual loan amount, term, payment, and APR amount of loan that a customer qualifies for may vary based on credit determination, state law and other factors. Meritize does not warrant or guarantee any claims made herein, including, but not limited to, gaining admission to a program, concerning the quality or financial strength of any educational institution, securing funding, or obtaining employment. Our final loan offer may differ as a result of the school chosen and the associated cost of tuition. Not all schools are eligible for funding. Meritize does not offer educational loans in the following states: IN, ME, NV, SD, VT, WI, PR. All rights reserved. \*\*For residents of SC, loan is made by Meritize Financial, Inc. \* Variable rates are subject to change

### 3. **VA BENEFITS**

American Welding Academy is now proudly accepting Veterans Benefits. If you or your parents have served in the military, you may be eligible to receive funding to pay for tuition and housing. Follow the link below for more information to see if you qualify. Please call American Welding Academy with any questions or concerns.

[How To Apply for The GI Bill | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](https://www.militarytimes.com/education-transition/2019/07/20/gi-bill-benefits-guide/)

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### 4. **FAST TRACK WORKFORCE INCENTIVE GRANT (for ages 25 and over)**

The Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant is a program designed to provide adults with the education and skills needed to enter the workforce in fields that are in high demand. Students must be enrolled in a designated program of study at a participating Missouri school. Apprentices must be participating in an apprenticeship in Missouri that is approved by the U.S. Department of Labor and that prepares them for employment in a high demand field as designed by the department.

You **must** create an account in [MDHEWD’s Student Portal](#) to access the application. The State Financial Aid Portal is a secure student-based website that gives Missouri students an opportunity to learn more about their own state financial aid,

including scholarships and grants. Log in to receive information about your awards at: [Student Portal \(mo.gov\)](#). For full information, visit our website at [awaweld.com](#).

5. **Check with your local Elks Club, Lions Club & Chamber of Commerce** to see if they have any local scholarships, you could potentially apply for!!!

## TUITION ASSISTANCE & SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS

**Scholarships and Grants** – American Welding Academy does accept scholarships and grants. Potential students are encouraged to investigate and apply for any scholarships and grants available that the student may be eligible for, as this is a very useful tool in securing funding for program tuition. The following scholarships are specifically geared for vocational training. This is not a comprehensive list of all scholarship/grant opportunities available as there are thousands more not described below, it is highly recommended to investigate your local scholarship opportunities available.

**Each scholarship/grant has different requirements and timing to apply. Please check each one to verify eligibility.**

- **Associated General Contractors of American Scholarship**  
[AGC of Missouri Education Foundation Scholarship Program \(mykaleidoscope.com\)](#)
- **Tammy Stratman Brown Charities Vocational and Trade School Scholarship-Scholarship Central**  
[Tammy Stratman Brown Charities Vocational and Trade School Scholarship - Scholarship Central \(academicworks.com\)](#)  
Tammy Stratman Brown Charities awards scholarships based on the Passion of the recipient for their desired field. Not all Passions require a college degree. This scholarship is for those whose desire to create, construct or beautify does not lead them to a college degree, but to technical and vocational training or certification programs.
- **American Welding Society (AWS) Scholarships (\*Highly Recommended\*)**  
<https://scholarship.aws.org/applications/>
  - Register
  - Save information
  - Once you receive a verification email, log into account, and continue to follow the process.
- **A+ Scholarship Program**  
American Welding Academy will provide each “A+ Program” student a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition. You must provide AWA with a signed and sealed A+ Official Transcript. Upon request, your High School will mail them out to our school.
- **National FFA Scholarships**  
<https://www.ffa.org/participate/scholarships>
- **Mike Rowe Works Scholarship**  
[profoundlydisconnected.com](#)
- **Missouri Farm Bureau**  
Foundation for Agriculture Vocational Scholarship  
<https://mofb.org/scholarships-and-grants>
- **Financial Resources and Discounts for Students with Disabilities**  
Guide to various financial resources, discounts and savings opportunities, and travel tips for students with disabilities.  
<https://couponfollow.com/research/financial-resources-for-students-with-disabilities>
- **Pureland Supply Skilled Trades Scholarship**  
The \$1,000.00 Pureland Supply Scholarship is available to students who have been accepted to an accredited trade school, vocational college, technical school, or community college for the study of trade, craft, or labor occupations.  
[Pureland Supply \\$500 Skilled Trade and Vocational Scholarship Fall 2020](#)
- **National Youth Safety Essay Scholarship Contest**  
Students are encouraged to create a written or video essay describing how the OSHA 10-Hour training has made an impact in the way they recognize hazards and how it will be a benefit to their future. CareerSafe will select up to four (4) students to be awarded a \$500 scholarship each quarter.  
[National Youth Safety Essay Scholarship Contest | CareerSafe \(careersafeonline.com\)](#)
- **The Jessi Combs Foundation Scholarship Program**  
This program is designed to remove a portion of the financial burden for a woman associated with higher education, one of many barriers that could prohibit women from pursuing a career in the trades.  
<https://www.TheJessiCombsFoundation.com/scholarship>

# BARRIERS TO LEARNING & DISABILITIES

- **MISSOURI VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

<https://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/vocational-rehabilitation>

- **WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) training is for occupations that are in-demand and are directly linked to employment opportunities in the local area. Register at [www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov)

**Map of Counties Served:**

<https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/VR-OfficeMap.pdf>

**List of Office and Contact:**

<https://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/vocational-rehabilitation/vr-offices>

**Brochure:**

<https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/FR-Q&AWebStevens.pdf>

**MISSOURI RESIDENT:** Please call the Missouri Job Center in your area if assistance is required. To find the closest Missouri Job Center:

[Find a Missouri Job Center | JobsMoGov](#)

**ILLINOIS RESIDENT:** Please call the Illinois Work Center in your area if assistance is required. To find the closest Illinois Work Center:

[Jobs & Workforce \(illinois.gov\)](http://Jobs&Workforce(illinois.gov))