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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 your 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/>

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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. **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 \(mykaleidoscope.com\)](http://mykaleidoscope.com)
- **Tammy Stratman Brown Charities Vocational and Trade School Scholarship-Scholarship Central**  
[Tammy Stratman Brown Charities Vocational and Trade School Scholarship - Scholarship Central \(academicworks.com\)](http://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.
- **(\*highly recommended\*) American Welding Society (AWS) Scholarships**  
<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+ transcript. Upon request, your High Schools will mail them out to our school.
- **National FFA Scholarships**  
<https://www.ffa.org/participate/scholarships> OR  
[https://www.ffa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/scholarship\\_2017\\_catalog.pdf](https://www.ffa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/scholarship_2017_catalog.pdf)
- **Mike Rowe Works Scholarship**  
[profoundlydisconnected.com](http://profoundlydisconnected.com)
- **MISSOURI FARM BUREAU**  
Foundation for Agriculture Vocational Scholarship  
<https://mofb.org/scholarships-and-grants>
- **USA Grant Applications**  
<https://usagrantsapplications.org/free-college-grants/index-v2.php#form>
- **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 \$1000.00 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.

<https://www.purelandsupply.com/t-scholarship.aspx>

- **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.

<https://www.careersafeonline.com/scholarships/essay-contest>

- **80 in 80 Ferguson Roofing Scholarship**

For trade students in Automotive, Construction, Electrical, IT, Mechanical or other trades. Ferguson Roofing is offering scholarships to deserving youth in our local community. For more info, see link next cell.

<https://fergusonroofing.com/80in80/>

## **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)** 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)

**\*\*IT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE THE CHECKLIST (on last page) COMPLETED FOR WIOA TO HELP YOU\*\***

**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/VR-Q&AWebStevens.pdf>

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**MISSOURI RESIDENT:** Please call the Missouri Job Center if assistance is required.

MO WIOA assistance: Phone # 636-524-8592 or 636-524-8562

**ILLINOIS RESIDENT:** Please call the Illinois Job Center if assistance is required.

WIOA operations coordinator, Tony Logue can be reached for assistance: Phone # 217-238-8392