

# Arc in to the Future Scholarship

The welding industry field is an essential and fulfilling profession, and the demand for this trade is strong and getting stronger. The U.S. Department of Labor forecasts healthy growth in the neighborhood of 8 to 9 percent over the next decade. Jobs associated with building, rebuilding roads, bridges, water, and the power grid are expected to grow by double-digit percentages and a career in engineering, welding, and associated fields is a financial demand. That's why Microsoft and the City of Hondo is offering a one-time **\$2000 scholarship** to students working toward their goal of becoming a welder.

If you are currently enrolled, or will soon enroll in a welding program, then consider applying for the Microsoft and City of Hondo welding scholarship. Our scholarship is available only for students attending Southwest Texas Junior College Welding Program in Hondo, TX. This welding scholarship can be the extra push that helps you accomplish your goals!

Simply submit a 500-word essay that answers one of the three listed questions:

1. What skills are most important for a welder, and why?
2. How will this opportunity change your life?
3. What are the four types of welding and which one is best? Why?

Microsoft and the City of Hondo will award a scholarship to the best welding or engineering essay, determined by the review committee. Our committee will review your submission, and the winner will be awarded a \$2000 scholarship, and their essay will be published on the City of Hondo website.

## How to Apply for the Welding Scholarship:

Write an original, 500-word essay that thoroughly answers one of the above three questions.

- Include your name, address, email, phone number, and year of graduation in the header of your essay.

- The essay must be original and be sure to proofread for proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
- Name your submission file and save it as a Word Document (e.g., `firstname.lastname.scholarship.doc`)
- Email your completed essay as an attachment to [gflores@hondo-tx.org](mailto:gflores@hondo-tx.org) with “Welding Scholarship” in the subject line by 1PM on **August 20, 2020**
- Our committee will review all submissions carefully and select the winning essay for each submission period by **August 21, 2020**.
- The winner will be notified by phone (if one is provided) and email.

## Welding Scholarship Eligibility Requirements & Fine Print:

- Applicants must live in Medina County and be enrolled at Southwest Texas Junior College (Microsoft and the City of Hondo reserves the right to verify)
- Applicants must follow all application guidelines outlined above.
- Only one entry per student per year.
- This scholarship is open to welding students of any nationality or citizenship.
- By entering the Welding Scholarship Contest, you grant copyright ownership of your work to the City of Hondo. All essay submissions become the property of the City of Hondo, which may be used in whole or in part, for promotional purposes.
- By entering the Welding Scholarship Contest, you also agree to have your name published on [www.hondo-tx.org](http://www.hondo-tx.org), our social media profiles, and any press release announcements for promotional purposes. No other personal information will be revealed or shared without your express written permission, and it will be used only to contact you to distribute your prize. By providing your submission, you agree to our privacy policy.
- The prize is non-transferable, non-refundable, and cannot be substituted or exchanged for other prizes.
- The decision of our review committee is final.
- Students that withdraw from Fall/Spring welding program will be expected to payback award of \$2,000.00 to City of Hondo.

Please include this back page with your 500 word essay and ensure you have your signature.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that the information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any false statements may result in denial or revocation of the \$2,000.00 scholarship award.

