

PMA Educational Foundation Awards \$95,000 in Grants

The PMA Educational Foundation (PMAEF) Board of Trustees awarded grants totaling nearly \$95,000 at its meeting on April 23 in Washington, D.C. Grants were awarded to eight programs that the board determined would further the foundation's mission: "To create the means to educate and motivate the current and future workforce of the North American metalforming industry." Following is a summary of the grants awarded:

- \$30,000 to Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, MN, to support the Twin Cities M-Powered program. The grant will help sustain this manufacturing initiative that began in 2004 as a collaborative effort of Hennepin Community College, HIRED and the PMA Twin Cities District to prepare workers for high-paying, skilled jobs in metalforming.
- \$25,000 to support the purchase and implementation of the "\$Making Money™" program for career awareness in schools by PMA districts. See article below for more information.
- \$10,000 to the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) to support the Precision Machining Technology competition at the 2007 SkillsUSA competition, which brings state champions together to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals.
- \$10,000 to the Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, WI, for a new outreach strategy to expose high-school students to current advanced manufacturing technology. The funding will aid in the purchase of a Haas CNC mill to be

used by the students.

- \$7,050 to the Community College of Baltimore County for NIMS program accreditation and certification of teachers and students. The funding also will be used to promote the program to local high schools and raise awareness of metalforming careers.
- \$5,000 to Jane Addams Resource Corporation (JARC), Chicago, IL, to develop four seminars and a summer retreat program to help educators incorporate NIMS skill standards into their metal trades curricula.
- \$5,000 to T.E.A.M. Academy in Cleveland, OH, to achieve NIMS accreditation for the CNC laboratory at Max Hayes High School and to increase the number of ninth graders entering the manufacturing program.
- \$2,305 for in-kind support to Marcellus High School, Marcellus, NY, for the Metalforming Level I curriculum and NIMS credentialing materials to be used in its manufacturing technology classes.

PMAEF congratulates all of the grant recipients from this cycle. The foundation accepts requests for funding from organizations whose initiatives, programs and services promote, enhance and/or support the development of a metalforming workforce in the United States. The deadline to submit applications for the next grant cycle is October 1, 2007. Grants typically average \$10,000 per request granted. Qualified organizations can download an application at www.pmaef.org or contact Amy Thacker at 216/901-8800 or athacker@pma.org.

"\$Making Money™" Coming to PMA Districts

Through a demonstration at the Leadership Conference on June 6-7 at PMA headquarters, PMA district leaders will learn about a new opportunity to bring a unique career awareness tool to their local schools.

PMAEF has approved grant funding of \$25,000 to support the purchase and implementation of \$Making Money™. Through this funding, the foundation will cover 50 percent of the cost to the first 10 PMA districts that commit to purchasing the "Making Money" kit. The kit includes a \$Making Money™ machine and lesson plans for a presentation which culminates with a hands-on experience where each student makes a coin. Districts will be required to train at least two representatives on the machine and lesson plan, and to give presentations to at least six middle schools or



high schools in their district. For more information, contact Dave Sansone at 216/901-8800 or dsansone@pma.org.



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