

AMBA Announces 2018 National Scholarship Winners, Opening of Educational Outreach Champion Award

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN – With the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, the American Mold Builders Association (AMBA) announced the distribution of seven scholarships to students interested in mold building and related fields. Each \$1,000 award is paid directly to the educational institutions on behalf of each student. Funds support pursuing a career in one of the following specialized areas: mold design, CAD/CAM programming for machine tools, machine tool skills or moldmaking; plastics industry manufacturing (including plastics engineering, plastic part design or plastics processing technicians; or other related areas of continued training/education.

In order to apply for a national scholarship award, applicants must be employees or dependents of employees at an AMBA member company, be either high school seniors or high school graduates with a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and attending school in the fall.

Represented AMBA member companies this year included Reddog Industries, Elba Tool Co., Creative Blow Mold Tooling (2), Proper Tooling International, WepCo Plastics and Schaefer Mold & EDM, while applicant schools included Penne State Erie, The Behrend College, Eastern Illinois University, University of Missouri, University of Michigan – Dearborn, Central Connecticut State University and University of Texas at Arlington.

The announcement of this year's award winners coincides with the opening of the AMBA's third annual Educational Outreach Champion Award, which celebrates manufacturers who work to engage young people in the manufacturing industry. The awards – available in amounts of \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place and \$250 for third place – are announced on Manufacturing Day (the first Friday in October). AMBA members are eligible to apply for the award and chosen winners then designate a school, student or program to receive the funds.

To date, the AMBA's National Scholarship Program has awarded over \$270,000 nationally since the program's inception in 1991, while over \$5,000 has been distributed to programs via the Educational Outreach Champion Award. Both awards demonstrate the AMBA's commitment to workforce development within local communities.

To read more about the AMBA National Scholarship Program, visit [here](#). To apply for the 2018 Educational Outreach Champion Award, submit applications [here](#) by September 21, 2018.

About the AMBA

The American Mold Builders Association (AMBA) is the only organization dedicated to elevating the competitive advantage of U.S. mold builders. AMBA provides workforce development initiatives, networking, benchmarking opportunities and industry promotion. AMBA members receive a variety of additional benefits, including access to cost-reduction programs, visibility to mold buyers and problem-solving resources that give members a competitive advantage. To learn more about AMBA membership and ongoing initiatives, visit amba.org.

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