

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation Awards Tools Scholarships In 2016 for Students at AED-Affiliated Technical Schools

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation has awarded tool scholarships to students enrolled in AED Accredited and Recognized construction equipment technology academic programs. Students in these programs spend a substantial amount on tools as they enter college and continue on into equipment technician careers. These tools are expensive; an equipment technology student can expect to spend \$3,000 to \$5,000 for high-quality tools during college, and \$30,000 or more early in his or her career. In 2016, fifty-six graduating students each received a \$1,000 tools scholarship for a total of \$56,000 awarded.



You may have first become familiar with Mike Rowe as the creator and host of the widely-watched and acclaimed show "Dirty Jobs" on the Discovery Channel. Rowe's recent series "Somebody's Gotta Do It," brings viewers face-to-face with men and women who march to the beat of a different drum. In each episode, Rowe visits unique individuals and joins them in their respective undertakings, paying tribute to innovators, do-gooders, entrepreneurs, collectors, fanatics—people who simply have to do it.

Mike Rowe is also doing much to promote hard work and support the skilled trades in a variety of areas. The mikeroweWORKS Foundation is focused on helping students to become aware of high demand construction career opportunities, and align their skills and knowledge to take advantage of them. These scholarships in 2016 for students at AED Affiliated colleges mark the sixth year that they have been funded by his Foundation, providing financial assistance for a 6-year total of 295 students and \$283,000. Just as Mike Rowe's approach to workforce development in the construction industry is "hands-on," this scholarship approach to helping students is "hands-on." It's just one of the many ways that Mike Rowe, thru the efforts of his foundation, is working to make a difference in the lives of students planning and preparing for their future.

Visit <http://profoundlydisconnected.com/> to learn more about Mike Rowe's passion for construction industry workforce development and his "no nonsense" approach. Get a good perspective of the breadth and depth of his commitment. Here, many resources are also available to provide students with information and help them explore their career options.

Established in 1919, Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) is an international trade association based in Oak Brook, IL, representing more than 700 construction equipment distributors, manufacturers and industry-service firms in North America. AED and The AED Foundation would like to express a sincere thank you to Mr. Rowe and the people at the mikeroweWORKS Foundation for everything they are doing on behalf of workforce development in the construction industry, including these tools scholarships.

Our sincere congratulations and career best wishes to the winners!

Mr. Grant Davis
Mr. Aaron Jackson
Mr. Jonathan Dawes
Mr. Brady Fauteux
Mr. Jacob Schartner
Mr. Taylor Parham

North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, ND
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White Mountains Community College, Berlin, NH
White Mountains Community College, Berlin, NH
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Sturgeon Bay, WI
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Mr. Clement Asamoah Baffour	State University of New York at Cobleskill, Cobleskill, NY
Mr. Timothy Gregoire	State University of New York at Cobleskill, Cobleskill, NY
Mr. Daniel Ricker	Linn-Benton Community College, Albany, OR
Mr. Melvin Boss	Linn-Benton Community College, Albany, OR
Mr. Austin Jones	Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI
Mr. Robert Beier	Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI
Mr. Luke Baker	State Technical College of Missouri, Linn, MO
Mr. Phillip Nelsen	State Technical College of Missouri, Linn, MO
Mr. Alex Buttars	Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID
Mr. David Cheney	Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID
Mr. Joseph Kosydar	AVTEC - Alaska's Institute of Technology, Seward, AK
Mr. Nathaniel Cook	AVTEC - Alaska's Institute of Technology, Seward, AK
Mr. Bailey Andrew	Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
Mr. Brennen Sowarsh	Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
Mr. Keith Orszula	Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI
Mr. Jonathan Miller	Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI
Mr. Dustin Berger	Owens Community College, Toledo, OH
Mr. Michael Vandam	Owens Community College, Toledo, OH
Mr. Joshua Lieurance	Lane Community College, Eugene, OR
Mr. Jacob Tidball	Lane Community College, Eugene, OR
Mr. Samuel Alley	Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC
Ms. Chantel Hawley	Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC
Mr. Brandon Jueneman	Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, Okmulgee, OK
Mr. Kevin Turner	Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, Okmulgee, OK
Mr. Brandon Dean	Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, IA
Mr. Dalton Peshel	Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, IA
Mr. Patrick Fritzingler	Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, MN
Mr. Jordan Kester	Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, MN
Mr. Jeremy Hartman	Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead, MN
Mr. Cory Bettenhausen	Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead, MN
Mr. Alex Maltaverne	Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, SD
Mr. Marc Cloutier	Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, SD
Mr. Justin Jones	Central Lakes College, Staples, MN
Mr. Tristan Grangroth	Central Lakes College, Staples, MN
Mr. Jacob Weber	College of Western Idaho, Nampa, ID
Mr. Jacob Allies	College of Western Idaho, Nampa, ID
Mr. Devin Lee	Reedley College, Reedley, CA
Mr. Eduardo Diaz Farias	Reedley College, Reedley, CA
Mr. Jack Hermance	Central Arizona College, Coolidge, AZ
Mr. Kyler Horton	Central Arizona College, Coolidge, AZ
Mr. Brian Rademacher	Alexandria Technical and Community College, Alexandria, MN
Mr. William Lucas	Alexandria Technical and Community College, Alexandria, MN
Mr. Brandon Ward	South Georgia Technical College, Americus, GA
Mr. Timothy Patrick	South Georgia Technical College, Americus, GA
Mr. Ronald Kepple	Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA
Mr. Alexander Rozon	Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA
Mr. George Rambo	Florence-Darlington Technical College, Florence, SC
Mr. David Glassick	Florence-Darlington Technical College, Florence, SC
Mr. Cody Butterfield	San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA
Mr. Jacob Hughes	San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA