

THE AED FOUNDATION'S RECOGNIZED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

WHAT IS A RECOGNIZED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM?

An AEDF Recognized High School Program is a high school program that teaches students skills needed in the heavy equipment industry. These programs ensure that they teach at least one or more of the Foundation's six core competencies. Learn more about these core competencies in the "Recognition Fast Facts" section, to provide students with a basis of knowledge before they move into an accredited college program, or an entry-level industry position. Recognized high school programs actively work to reduce the industry's skills gap by providing accessible education of the heavy equipment industry to students across North America.

WHY ATTEND? RECOGNIZED PROGRAM BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS:



Gain hands-on experience



Earn a certification. Students who complete an AEDF recognized high school program can take the AEDF High School Certification Test. Passing this test allows you to graduate with a certificate demonstrating your knowledge and expertise in the field.



Seamlessly transfer into an accredited college program. Many AEDF Accredited College Programs offer dual credit opportunities, making it possible for students to enter the workforce in just two years or less.



Scholarship opportunities are available. The AED Foundation has partnered with The Caterpillar Foundation to offer scholarships to high school students attending an AEDF Accredited College Program.



Develop the experience to obtain an entry level job at an AED member dealership.

RECOGNITION FAST FACTS

- Recognized High Schools teach at least one to two of AEDF's six core competencies taught in Accredited Programs. The six core competencies include diesel engines, power trains, electric/electronics, A/C and heating, hydraulics/hydrostatics, and safety/administration.
- A recognized program takes two years to complete and is offered to junior and senior high school students.
- Recognized High Schools are always near an AEDF accredited college program to ensure students have a path to become Certified AEDF Technicians when entering the workforce. These programs are typically sponsored by dealer members.

AEDF HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROCESS

1 HAVE AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT IN PLACE WITH A LOCAL AEDF ACCREDITED COLLEGE (DUAL CREDITS RECOMMENDED).

2 PROVIDE ADVISORY BOARD LISTS FOR BOTH THE HIGH SCHOOL AND AEDF ACCREDITED COLLEGE.

3 PROVIDE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF PROGRAM LAB.

4 SUBMIT A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SPONSORING ACCREDITED COLLEGE AS WELL AS A SUPPORTING LETTER FROM AN AED DEALER MEMBER.

5 SUBMIT A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED RECOGNIZED PROGRAM TO BE APPROVED.

DID YOU KNOW? CURRENTLY, 15 SCHOOLS ARE RECOGNIZED ACROSS NORTH AMERICA!
HEAD TO [AEDFOUNDATION.ORG](https://aedfoundation.org) TO LEARN HOW YOUR SCHOOL CAN BE NEXT!

