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National Manufacturing Day to Launch Second Consecutive McWane Scholarship Program for Skilled Trades

Program strives to champion those who desire to work with their hands, producing American goods and helping build a stronger nation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Oct. 5, 2022) In celebration of [National Manufacturing Day](#) – and in light of an estimated three million skilled trade jobs sitting open in the U.S. as of June 2022¹ – [McWane, Inc.](#) proudly announces the second consecutive year for the McWane Scholarship Program for Skilled Trades, marking the next chapter in the brand's celebrated 101-year history of manufacturing products that provide the backbone of vital water distribution and wastewater treatment systems across North America.

Initially launched in 2021 in celebration of McWane's centennial year of operation, the program is aimed at promoting trade and technical education and awards up to 60 two-year, \$1,000 scholarships for the following academic year.

"Trade and technical education are foundational for a fruitful career in manufacturing," stated Kevin McCarthy, VP, Human Resources, McWane, Inc. "McWane has a history of investing in education in the communities where we operate, and this program underscores our commitment to filling the need for skilled trade professions, a critical part of our nation's workforce."

To be eligible for this program, applicants must be a current high school senior graduating in 2023 or have a high school diploma or GED equivalent and be enrolled or plan to enroll in a trade-related program in the fall of 2023 at an accredited two-year college, vocational/technical school or other approved technical institute in the United States. The program is open to the public with special consideration given to applicants in the communities where McWane operates.

Administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services Inc., an independent, third party that specializes in managing sponsored educational assistance programs, applications will be accepted beginning October 7, 2022. The deadline to apply for the McWane Scholarship for Skilled Trades is January 31, 2023.

For more information and to initiate the application process, visit <https://aim.applyists.net/McWaneTrades>.

¹ [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

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McWane, Inc. is a family-owned business based in Birmingham, Alabama, with companies across the U.S. and around the world. The McWane Family of Companies casts ductile iron products, including pipe, valves, hydrants, fittings, and plumbing products; manufactures fire extinguishers, fire suppression systems and steel pressure vessels; and builds network switches and monitoring equipment. McWane is a leader in delivering clean, safe drinking water around the world while focusing on the safe, environmentally friendly manufacturing processes. With more than 6,000 team members, McWane has a longstanding commitment of support to the communities where our team members live and work. For more information, visit mcwane.com.