



Lake Park High School Educational Foundation

The Lake Park Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of four (4) \$1000 Gene Haas Scholarships to provide financial assistance to students planning to pursue their post-secondary education at an accredited four-year college/university, community college, technical institute, or trade school in the field of manufacturing, machining, or engineering.

In 1999 Gene Haas founded the Gene Haas Foundation. Haas is the owner of Haas Automation, Inc., America's leading builder of CNC machine tools, which he started in 1983. Haas Automation is now a billion dollar company and this extraordinary growth has all come in an era when Americans were being told that the United States doesn't manufacture anything anymore. A recent report, called "The Skills Gap in U.S. Manufacturing 2015 and Beyond," projects that, "Over the next decade, nearly three and a half million manufacturing jobs will likely need to be filled, and the skills gap is expected to result in 2 million of those jobs going unfilled." Gene's commitment to the importance of US manufacturing has incited him to focus on manufacturing education in the form of scholarships for CNC machinist training. (<http://ghaasfoundation.org/grants/>)

To be eligible for the Gene Haas Scholarship, the applicant must:

- be a Lake Park High School graduate of the Class of 2017.
- plan to attend an accredited trade school, technical institute, COD or other community college, or four-year college/university program leading to a certificate or degree in the field of manufacturing, machining, or engineering.
- have a minimum grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 5.0 scale.
- submit an unofficial transcript of all high school classes.
- complete the Common Scholarship Application.
- submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher.
- submit the essays as noted on the following page.

The completed application and required support material must be submitted to the West Campus

Career Center by no later than Thursday, March 9, 2017. The Gene Haas Scholarship will be awarded to four selected recipients at Scholarship and Awards Night on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

A \$1000 check will be issued after the recipient has submitted a thank you note to the scholarship donor and a copy of a tuition bill showing enrollment as a full-time student in an accredited four-year college/university, community college, technical institute, or trade school program leading to a certificate or degree. Please send this documentation to the Lake Park Educational Foundation at 590 S. Medinah Road, Roselle, Illinois 60172. **The check will be issued after July 1, 2017 and the request for reimbursement must be filed no later than June 30, 2018.**

Gene Haas Scholarship

The following essays should be completed (using a word processor) and a hard copy of your essays along with a copy of the Common Scholarship Application and required letters of recommendation should be given to Ms. Mina Field in the West Campus counseling office by **Thursday, March 9, 2017**. Make sure your name, student I.D. number, and the name of the scholarship for which you are applying appears on your essays and letters of recommendation.

ESSAY #1

Explain in 250 words or less why you need this scholarship. What sets you apart from others?

ESSAY #2

Share in 250 words or less a personal statement about how Technology and Engineering classes have affected your life. This can include why you have chosen a manufacturing, machining, or engineering career and the importance of manufacturing in your life.

ESSAY #3

Explain in 250 words or less what program of study you wish to pursue and why.

