

KWI's Federal School Code: 043101



KWI is accredited with ACCET (Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training). We accept Title IV funding- Federal Pell Grant only so be sure to complete your FAFSA.

Historically enrolling students use Sallie Mae Student Loans or personal loans backed with co-signing guardians and/or collateral. KWI does accept KEES money, Work Ready Scholarship and private scholarships, Department of Labor- TAA/WIOA assistance, and VA benefits.

As a proud supporter of Kentucky SkillsUSA and Kentucky FFA, the Kentucky Welding Institute awards scholarships to winning welding competitors throughout the school year at regional and state competitions. KWI also supports the SKILLSUSA National Welding Competitions.

The checklist below will assist in arranging funds for your Kentucky Welding Institute tuition. Many organizations, companies and businesses offer scholarships and grants. Find local groups within your area for funding that might not otherwise be used.

Senior in high school? If so, register for the Senior Welding Competition! Each competitor receives scholarship money, with the prizes increasing for winners.





1. Complete your FAFSA Application (Pell capped at \$7,395).

Find the correct application based on the time you're enrolling for. As a student you'll create a login and as a parent you'll create a separate log in. The student will complete demographic information and the parent will complete the financial piece with their log in. Use KWI's code 043101 and the application will be submitted to KWI to determine the Pell Grant award amount.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>



2. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

WIOA training is available to those pursuing occupations that are in high demand and that are linked to employment opportunities in that area. WIOA requires that you show proof of seeking other financing before reaching out to them. You may use the previous checklist if you decide to reach out to WIOA for help.

The link below will take you to a map of KY with district WIOA areas labeled. Find your county and WIOA area then use the website listed to go to your WIOA area page. Call the local office and let them know you are pursuing a WIOA grant for KWI. Some areas will push for more local training. KWI can provide a letter listing our robust training program which cannot be matched anywhere in Kentucky. You will need to be a KY resident to apply for KY WIOA funds.

Out of state students will need to check with their WIOA offices to see if they are eligible for funds. Some states will not transfer funds out of their own state.

- Do not email the district directors, call the local office

https://kwib.ky.gov/Local-Boards/Documents/Local_WI_Areas_Map.pdf



3. KEES money from KHEAA (can be upwards of \$2,000).

All Kentucky students are eligible for KEES money. Simply go to the website below, log in and screen shot your total amount. Seniors- your final amounts for your senior year won't finalize until mid to end of June.

<https://www.kheaa.com/web/home.faces>



4. VA Benefits

Eligible applicants who have benefits can get a portion of their tuition paid for. Your COE letter will tell us what the VA will cover for you once received. Currently the VA does not cover KWI's certification cost and housing cost.

<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>





5. Sallie Mae Student Loan

Sallie Mae student loans are easy online applications that allow you to find a loan that works best for your schooling. You can get fixed or variable rate types for loans on trade and professional training and certificate courses. Sallie Mae helps you decide payments that suits you; whether you pay during or after your program courses. For their loans just fill out a quick application about yourself, pick your preferred repayment plan and interest rate, then sign and accept your documents. MUST APPLY 30 DAYS BEFORE START DATE.

https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/smart-option-student-loan/?dtd_cell=SMSCSOSCLLLLOTOTOTHOTHRN010000&CS_003=7296884&InstLndrId=900905&school_id=04310100



6. American Welding Society (AWS) Scholarships (typically \$1,000)

AWS awards thousands and thousands of scholarship dollars each year. In some cases several scholarships go unawarded because welding students are hesitant about applying; the traditional idea- that scholarships go to the super academic students doesn't apply here.

<https://www.aws.org/Career-Resources/Students/Scholarships/>



7. Mike Rowe Scholarship (we've seen up to \$16,500)

This is a fun one. You'll create a video adding a 13th line to the Mike Rowe Sweat Pledge. It does require some lengthy recommendations so get started on this early.

<https://mikeroweworks.org/scholarship/>



8. Kentucky Farm Bureau (various amounts across the state)

Your family will have to be Kentucky Farm Bureau members.

<https://www.kyfb.com/federation/programs/youth-development/scholarships/>



9. Local Scholarships (Average. +/- \$500-1,000)

Have you checked your local Rotary Club, Lions Club, DAR, or Chamber of Commerce? In fact, go crazy your senior year and fill out as many local scholarships as possible. Tell your story and defend the blue collar trades. You'll be surprised how many people want to help you succeed.



10. National Youth Safety Scholarship (up to \$2,500)

Do you have your OSHA-10? You can submit an essay or video. It's easy money.

<https://www.careersafeonline.com/for-education/scholarships>





11. Pureland Supply Skilled Trades Scholarship (\$500).

Available to students who have been accepted to an accredited trade school, vocational college, technical school or community college to study a trade or craft

https://www.purelandsupply.com/t-scholarship.aspx?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiApOyqBhDIARIsAGfnyMrLAWZC3v-Onpg_cOW9Jns0fT_sbdrqpuEBIkFxLVW9-0-IHD6ZVIaAmkwEALw_wcB



12. Your Local Bank

KWI is accredited so if your local bank does student loans, KWI will qualify. For personal loans you'll typically need to have collateral and/or co-signer.



13. Bring Back the Trades Inc.

Mission: To promote awareness of our nation's need for skilled tradespeople. Bring Back the Trades empowers the next generation of skilled tradespeople by advocating for rewarding trade careers, educating parents, facilitating mentorships with professionals, and providing scholarships. Through collaboration, we elevate awareness, respect, and opportunities in the trades.

www.bringbackthetrades.org

