The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation was created in 1936 through a deed of trust “to encourage and stimulate scientific interest in and scientific study, research and education in respect of, the development of the arc welding industry…and to that end to provide for…awards to those persons who by reason of the excellence of their papers upon said subject may be selected…to receive such awards.”

Eligibility

Division I – any student 18 or younger who is enrolled in any type of school or training program. Projects may be submitted by individuals or by teams of no more than five students with the approval of their instructor. Division I entries are first judged by Region; Regional Award winners then become eligible for National Awards.

Division II – any student 19 or older enrolled in any of the following: evening adult classes, career or technical school, high school, private trade school, in-plant training classes, technical institutes, junior, community or 2-year college courses or apprentice programs. Students enrolled in 2-year Associate Degree programs who are submitting rather than projects need to apply to Division IV.

Cost to enter

$0

Benefits

- Welding equipment and monetary awards for students
- Recognition for winning students and schools
- Development of writing and communications skills
- Publication of selected projects in Foundation books

Projects may be submitted by individuals or by teams of no more than five students with the approval of their instructor. Division II entries compete for National Awards.

Tips

- In Div. I and II, the focus is on creating excellent projects.
- Write a clear, step-by-step description of how you completed your project; include blueprints and drawings; spell-check the text.
- Submit your report, drawings and photos (preferably as a pdf) to www.JFLF.org.

For examples of recent winning projects, visit www.JFLF.org.

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Judging

The Jury of Awards for each program is selected from various branches of engineering, education, business or industry or from any other suitable source by the Foundation’s Chairman or Executive Director. Each Entry is judged anonymously. The Jury of Awards receives only an unidentified original copy of the Entry. If a Juror through prior knowledge is able to recognize any of the entrants, that Juror will not participate in judging that particular Entry. The Jury’s decision will be final in all cases.

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The existence of patents will in no way affect ratings by the Jury of Awards nor will the Foundation have any financial interest in any patent rights.

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