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Students may submit papers representing their work on design, engineering, or manufacturing problems relating to any type of building, bridge, structure, machine, product or mechanical apparatus; or arc welding research, testing, procedure or process development. Papers on topics such as welding safety, welding education, and the use of virtual reality systems to train welders may also be submitted.

**Eligibility**

Students may participate as individuals or as a group of no more than six.

Students enrolled in a curriculum leading to a degree in engineering or a related field of technology may participate in Division IV or V, as appropriate to their degree program. **Note:** Students enrolled in Associate's Degree programs who wish to submit a welded project entry may do so in Division II.

Any number of entries may be submitted from one college or university, but no student may participate in more than one entry per academic year.

**Tip**

- Be sure to meet the entry requirements for subject matter, length and content.

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**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.”

The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Awards Program supports welding study in:

- SkillsUSA
- High Schools
- Career and Technical Schools
- Community Colleges
- Colleges and Universities
- Apprenticeships
- 4-H
- FFA

**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

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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.

**Patent and Publication Rights**

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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