



Lakes Area Manufacturers Alliance Scholarship & Field of Interest Fund

Empowering Dreams, One Contribution at a Time

Education is a powerful tool that can transform lives, communities, and futures. However, for many talented and deserving students, the financial burden of pursuing higher education remains a significant obstacle. This is where you can make a difference. By pledging to our fund, you are not only investing in the future of these students but also fostering future talent in manufacturing.

Why Pledge to Our Scholarship & Field of Interest Fund?

Empowering Future Manufacturers

Contributing to the Lakes Area Manufacturers Alliance Scholarship and Field of Interest fund enables deserving students to carve their paths in manufacturing careers. Your pledge has the potential to provide financial assistance to future engineers, machinists, fabricators, welders, robotics technicians or even the next groundbreaking innovator in advanced manufacturing. Your pledge to our fund helps promote manufacturing careers & deserving students to pursue their academic dreams. Here are some key reasons to lend your support:

Supporting Talented Students

Countless bright minds are held back by financial constraints. Your contribution ensures that these students can access quality education without the overwhelming burden of tuition, fees, and related costs.

Fostering Innovation and Growth

The students who benefit from scholarships often go on to make significant contributions in their fields, driving innovation, solving global challenges, and creating economic growth. Your pledge is a direct investment in a more prosperous, innovative future in manufacturing.

Personal Fulfillment

There is immense satisfaction in knowing that your generosity has the power to change a life forever. Each pledge is a step toward enabling someone to achieve their potential and make the world a better place.

How Your Pledge Helps

Here is how your pledge makes an impact:

- Contributions are equally deposited to an endowed and non-endowed fund, held with the Initiative Foundation, and used to support manufacturing education by providing grants to community partners and awarding post-secondary scholarships.
- Provides scholarships for students pursuing a certificate or degree at an accredited college in a qualifying manufacturing technology or engineering related major. Eligible students



must be a high school graduate residing in the counties of Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd or Wadena and a U.S. citizen.

- Tuition Assistance: Covers the cost of college or university fees, ensuring students can enroll and stay enrolled in their programs.
- Books and Supplies: Provides necessary academic resources, including textbooks, tools, technology, and research materials.
- Living Expenses: Assists students with housing, transportation, and daily necessities, allowing them to focus on their studies.

Stories of Impact

The power of a scholarship is best illustrated through the stories of those who have benefited. Here are a few examples of how pledges like yours have transformed lives:

Louis, Healy High School

Bemidji State University, Engineering Technology

"I am continuing my education at Bemidji State University majoring in Engineering Technology. Going into college is a major life transition and can be overwhelming. One thing this scholarship gives me is more financial freedom to find the career path that best suits me. With so many paths to take in manufacturing and engineering, I can use the scholarship to discover things that interest me and become better educated on them. Receiving this scholarship tells me there are people and organizations out there that believe I will succeed. It also shows me that Lakes Area Manufacturing Alliance cares about the future of manufacturing and engineering and knowing this makes me more confident in my future success."

Thomas, Pequot Lakes High School

Central Lakes College, Robotics

"I came into the program knowing hardly anything at all. I did not know how to read a wiring diagram, how to jog a robot, how to program one, and all the components that make up a robotics system. Now in my second year of robotics I can say that I can jog a robot and teach it a program. I know how to wire a panel following a diagram, I can create a program on a PLC and so many more things. Going through the robotics program at Central Lakes College Staples has taught me so much and I enjoy it. I love coming in the morning and learning new things about how to program robots or using a PLC and then getting to go apply that knowledge it so much fun. I cannot wait for the future of robotics and how it will look like and am excited to keep on learning."

Eric, Swanville High School

Central Lakes College, Welding

"I let the passion of working with my hands lead the way, and my keen eyes keep me and my work within tolerance. There is only so many things a person can do in this world, but it does not make a difference after you find the one thing that makes you happy. Growing up on a dairy farm, fixing our own equipment, building what we need to be successful, was not only the way I was raised, but it raised me."



How to Pledge

Making a pledge to our Scholarship & Field of Interest fund is simple and impactful. Here is how you can join us in this transformative mission:

- One-Time Donation: Make a single pledge of any amount online, to contribute directly to the fund. <https://www.givemn.org/story/Lama>
- Recurring Donations: Commit to an annual contribution, ensuring sustained support for students over time. Simply complete and return the pledge form. Our Trustee, the Initiative Foundation will invoice your company for the annual contribution.
- Legacy Gift. Send an email to info@ifound.org or call 320.632.9255 for one-on-one guidance to maximize the return on your investment. Indicate your inquiry is for a Legacy Gift to the Lakes Area Manufacturers Fund.

Recognition and Gratitude

We deeply value every pledge and strive to recognize our donors for their generosity.

- Your donation is tax deductible, if making by check, please make check payable to the Initiative Foundation and mail to Initiative Foundation – 446122, PO Box 64182, St Paul, MN 55164-0182 and note “*Lakes Area Manufacturers Fund*” in the memo line.
- Recognition on our website and in our annual reports.
- Invitations to donor appreciation events and networking opportunities.

Join Us in Changing Lives

Your pledge to our Scholarship & Field of Interest fund is more than a financial contribution, it is a testament to your belief in the power of education and the potential of every individual. Together, we can create a world where no student is denied the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed due to financial barriers. Let us empower dreams and open doors to brighter futures. Make your pledge today and become a part of this transformative journey. Together, we can make a difference—one scholarship, one student, one dream at a time.



Yes! We pledge support of the Lakes Area Manufacturers Scholarship & Field of Interest Fund. Please have the Initiative Foundation invoice us annually for the following pledge of support:

____ \$5,000 annually for the next three years
____ \$2,500 annually for the next three years
____ \$1,000 annually for the next three years
____ A one-time donation in the amount of \$_____

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Company Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return your pledge form to: Lakes Area Manufacturers Alliance, 406 W. Washington St., STE 5, PMB 178
Brainerd MN 56401 or email to Deborah@lakesareamanufacturers.org