The Donald J. Campbell Scholarship

Administered by: The Western Michigan Chapter of
The American Foundry Society

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Donald J. Campbell

In dedicating this educational fund to the memory of Donald J. Campbell, we pay tribute to Mr. Campbell's life-long efforts in modernizing and streamlining the foundry industry. His recognized accomplishments have made for us all a better place in which to pursue our chosen work.

As a boy, Mr. Campbell started at the very bottom of the foundry industry and only through the school of actual experience entailing the most diligent application of self-advancement based on merit did success come to him. Vision and determination were the assets which he and his partners, George Cannon and Ira Wyant, used to found Campbell Wyant and Cannon Foundry (CWC) in 1908, a business which was destined to become the largest independent foundry in the world. It should also be noted that Campbell and his partners as well as the employees of CWC were among the most critical leaders in supporting our military's needs during World War II, typifying what it meant to be the arsenal of democracy.

Mr. Campbell was an extremely modest man and his activities centered by choice largely in the shop where his craftsmanship and personality earned the respect and friendship of all of his associates. He was a man's man. His inventive genius produced results of the type which led the American Foundrymen's Association (now the American Foundry Society) in 1939 to single him out for their highest honor, the Gold Medal Award, which was presented for "distinguished achievement in the field of science and invention which has advanced the American standard of living." Further honor was given to him in 1940 when with such leaders as Henry Ford, Dr. Leo DeForrest, Orville Wright, and Charles Kettering, he was named as one of the "Modern Pioneers of the Frontiers of Industry" by the National Manufacturer's Association.

To the individuals who avail themselves of the opportunities offered by this fund, Donald J. Campbell will serve as an inspiration to the end that our industry will continue to endure and develop for the betterment of all mankind. May his spirit live on in the works of those who receive this scholarship and serve as a reminder that; "To those who much is given, much is expected."

DJ Campbell Scholarship – Mission Statement, Criteria, and Application

The future of the cast metals industry resides in the skill and know-how of its people. Recognizing the challenge of keeping our industry at the forefront of sustained technical advancements, the Western Michigan Chapter of AFS developed the DJ Campbell Scholarship to improve and advance the metal casting industry. This scholarship will be awarded annually or semi-annually to support worthy candidates that wish to further their careers in the metal casting industry through higher education.

The DJ Campbell Scholarship Committee shall responsibly distribute annually or semi-annually, a portion of the earnings (interest) from the DJ Campbell Scholarship Fund toward the education of qualified individuals. The committee at its discretion shall seek to ***invest*** these funds to those qualified individuals that have the highest likelihood of succeeding and remaining in the metal casting industry. Additional consideration will be given to candidates pursuing their career growth in West Michigan.

DJC Criteria

Candidates shall have at a minimum, the following credentials:

- High School Education or Equivalent.
- If currently enrolled, be in "good standing" academically at their respective College, Community College, Trade School, or University.
- Have a genuine interest in working in the metal casting industry or related field.
- Have filled out the application form OR submitted an essay for review by the DJC Scholarship Committee expressing a desire to receive a scholarship highlighting why they would be a good investment of scholarship funds.

Ideal Candidates will have the above plus one or more of the following:

- Documented co-operative experience in a foundry
- Documented work experience in the metal casting industry or associated industry
- Letter of recommendation by current or previous employer in metal casting industry.
- Majoring in metallurgy, engineering, chemistry, or related hard science with metal casting as a focus.
- Attended FEF University or college or community college with direct focus on foundry related coursework.
- Letter of support from someone within the metalcasting industry able to provide character reference.

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Applications should be remitted by February 28th 2025 for consideration for the annual awarding of the scholarship(s) by March 31st 2025.

Please Remit Applications and Essays to:

Trevor Beach
Betz Industries
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Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Email: trevor.beach@betzindustries.com

Directions for Applying for DJ Campbell Scholarship:

1. Complete application **AND** submit essay for DJ Campbell Committee.
2. Attach transcript of your educational record (high school, college, or military service). Note: graduate students: Submit Information on Previous Degrees.
3. Submit a letter of recommendation from one of the following: current or previous employer, current instructor.
4. Mail a hard copy of the information to the above address postmarked no later than February 15th Emailing a copy of the information is also acceptable but please also mail a hard copy.
5. Successful applicants must register with the Foundry Educational Foundation.

Note to all Applicants:

1. This scholarship is renewable for up to two years at a community college or four years at a four-year school by maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA.
2. The applicant must be either working full-time or a full time student.
3. Official college transcripts indicating grade point average are to be submitted each semester. (No grades, no consideration)

DJ Campbell Scholarship Application
Associated with the Western Michigan Chapter of the American Foundry Society

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parents Names: _____

Current Class Level (circle one): 1st Semester 2nd Semester FR SOPH JR SR GRAD

High School Attended:_____ Year Graduated: _____

Honors/Awards: _____

College/University Currently Attending: _____

Name of Faculty Advisor:_____

Major:_____ Minor:_____

Honors/Awards: _____

Date of Expected Graduation: _____

*If a graduate student Please list Undergraduate Degree and School attended below:

Undergrad Degree:_____ School: _____

Please Address the Following Topics in Your Essay:

1. Have you had any experience working in the metal casting industry? If so, please provide some detail of work you performed.
2. Why are you interested in a career in metal casting?
3. How would your major emphasis of study apply toward a metal casting career?
4. Why is furthering your education a priority for you?