



## **National Institute for Metalworking Skills and Gene Haas Foundation Announce Second Year of Scholarships for Schools**

*Program will help more young people access top-quality training and credentials for in-demand jobs*

**Fairfax, Virginia, March 17, 2015**—Today, the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), the precision manufacturing industry’s premier standards and certification body, and the Gene Haas Foundation (GHF), which provides scholarships to schools for students entering technical training programs, announced that they will partner again this year to help schools prepare more students for success in precision manufacturing careers.

The 2015 GHF-NIMS Credentialing Scholarship Program will provide eligible secondary and post-secondary institutions with grants to build high-quality technical programs that provide students with foundational skills and industry-recognized credentials that have immediate value in the job market. The grants will cover up to 100% of the costs of testing and credentialing services for all students seeking NIMS certifications. The program will launch this year with a \$100,000 investment from GHF.

“With this program, we hope to support more high schools and community colleges as they build high-quality programs that use NIMS standards and credentials in order to deliver the most relevant and innovative training,” said the Gene Haas Foundation Board. “This provides our country’s manufacturers an excellent workforce.”

“There are an estimated 99,500 projected job openings for machinists and 117,100 projected job openings for industrial maintenance technicians nationally through 2020,” said Jim Wall, Executive Director, NIMS. “We are proud to be working with the Gene Haas Foundation to help schools prepare more young people with skills and credentials they need to succeed in these in-demand jobs.”

In 2014, the Scholarship Program provided financial support to over 1,000 individuals at 22 high schools and colleges in 16 states to pursue NIMS certification. An approximate 3,500 credentials in foundational CNC machining will be earned as a result.

To find out how schools can apply for a GHF-NIMS Credentialing Scholarship, visit [www.nimsready.org](http://www.nimsready.org).

## **About NIMS**

The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) was formed in 1995 by the metalworking trade associations to develop and maintain a globally competitive American workforce. NIMS sets skills standards for the industry, certifies individual skills against the standards, and accredits training programs that meet NIMS quality requirements. Visit [nims-skills.org](http://nims-skills.org).

## **About the Gene Haas Foundation**

The Gene Haas Foundation was formed in 1999 to fund the needs of the local community and other deserving charities, at the discretion of its founder, Mr. Gene Haas. High on the list of priorities of the Gene Haas Foundation is supporting manufacturing education, which encompasses many types of programs that inspire and educate young people about careers in manufacturing. In addition GHF provides scholarship funding for students to attend colleges that teach machining based skills.