

## **DENSO North America Foundation** **Request for Skilled Trades Proposals 2021**

The DENSO North America Foundation (DNAF) seeks to promote awareness for and develop talent for manufacturing careers with high priority on skilled trades. DNAF is seeking proposals from technical centers and community colleges for projects that achieve these goals.

### **Grant Goals:**

- Engage and motivate a diverse student body in being part of skilled trades
  - DNAF has particular interest in engaging and retaining underrepresented students with in these areas
- Provide hands-on training for the application of skilled trades
- Improve retention of students within the skilled trades and core manufacturing skills
- Be innovative in thinking and practical in application
- Provide an environment for problem solving and team building

### **Grant Details:**

- The grant period will be two years (July 2021-July 2023)
  - The project should be fully implemented with an initial level of assessment completed by January 2023
- The maximum grant to be considered will be \$100,000
  - Applicants are encouraged to submit budgets for funding at \$50,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000 level

### **Application Requirements:**

- A. Grant proposal must include each of the following:
  - I. A problem statement
  - II. An action plan with timeline
  - III. Defined measurable outcomes that demonstrate how the project contributes to student learning, retention and diversity
  - IV. A complete estimated budget including a breakout of expenses for which this proposal seeks support
- B. Proposals should be no longer than 5 pages and written for technical and non-technical reviewers
- C. Grants funding should apply to students enrolled in community college, technical training and dual-enrollment programs
- D. The financial manager of the grant must be a community college or technical center.

### **Restrictions:**

- A. Previously awarded grant funding must be spent, or unspent amounts returned, prior to the issuing of a new grant
- B. The foundation will not fund salaries, stipends, project travel expenses or program administrative costs, capital building investments (“brick and mortar”), product development and patents.
- C. Institutions awarded a grant are not eligible for new grants until the completion of the grant cycle (2 years)

**Proposal Submission:**

- Proposals must be submitted by May 15, 2021 through the DNAF Proposal Portal:
  - <https://www.densofoundation.org/skilled-grant-application/>

**Key Dates:**

May 15	Proposals due/ Annual Activity Report Due
May 1- May 31	Board review/Determinations
June 15	<i>Target</i> determination notices & Agreements released
July 1	Signed Agreements due
July 1 – July 15	Grants released
July 1, 2022	Grant year 1 check in

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