



# **PMPA Education Foundation**

## **Grant Guidelines**

### **Effective October, 2005**

The PMPA Education Foundation will set aside limited funds on a yearly basis to fund training for individuals and activities that develop or enhance partnerships with training institutions that provide metalworking training.

Goals of the Foundation include:

- Create Technical Training Opportunities and Programs that specifically benefit the Screw Machine Products and Turned Parts Industry.
- Support skills standards and certification for the Screw Machine Products and Turned Parts Industry.
- Promote the Precision Machined Products Industry to a greater awareness of training and career opportunities.
- Provide technical speakers and programs for PMPA District, Regional and National Meetings.

Accordingly, grant applications aimed specifically at the following four areas will be given a high priority rating, thereby increasing the likelihood of funding.

**#1 - Technical Training** – Grant applications will be considered for technical training which has a significant hands-on component, is shop-floor oriented, and trains individuals to operate and set up precision turned-parts and metal cutting machines. Training may include, but is not limited to, screw machines, CNC machines and secondary equipment. While the focus of such training is precision machining, related shop theory and quality assurance systems are important components.

Training may be either in-house or outsourced. Regardless of where the training takes place, an individual or sponsor company must certify successful completion of the program. This can be done by the training providers, NIMS, or combination thereof.

After successful completion and independent certification, the Foundation will consider grants for the cost of training (not to include travel, food, or lodging). The Foundation typically will consider grants to reimburse applicants up to one-half the cost of the training program or tuition.

**#2 - Schools** – Schools and training institutions which provide training for screw machines, CNC and ancillary equipment may submit grants to help pay for equipment directly related to the Precision Machined Products Industry. Schools and training institutions seeking grants should have a working relationship with PMPA Districts or companies from the Precision Machining Industry.

**#3 - Technical Presentations and Programs** – Grant applications will be considered for technical presentations and programs which provide technical knowledge or improved technical skills at PMPA District, Regional, and National meetings. Grants in this area require District involvement and sponsorship or a consortium of PMPA members and non-members supporting a local or regional program. The programs must be related to the training areas listed in Qualification #1 above and can include programs for the development of training skills (training the trainer) that will then be used to conduct training programs related to Qualification #1.

**#4- NIMS** – The Foundation will provide funds to reimburse employees of companies in the Precision Machined Products Industry the cost of obtaining NIMS certification. Funds are also made available to reimburse companies the cost associated with NIMS accreditation.

The above outline is intended to give potential grant applications guidelines on what the Foundation considers priority areas for funding. It is not intended to exclude innovative and creative approaches which do not fit in to the four areas listed above but meet the goals of the PMPA Education Foundation. If you are considering such an approach, you are encouraged to email or call the PMPA office to discuss your idea.

Grant application forms are found on the PMPA Education Foundation website. To download an application form, go to: [www.pmpa-foundation.org/grants/Ed-TrainingGrantApp.pdf](http://www.pmpa-foundation.org/grants/Ed-TrainingGrantApp.pdf)



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