Operation Next

Advanced Manufacturing Job Training Grant Application

You are applying for a technical job training grant assistance through Operation Next program. Operation Next is funded through a joint initiative of the Florida Department of State, the Department of Defense and LIFT®, a public-private partnership between government, industry and academia. LIFT® is operated by American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Instititute (ALMMII), a Michigan-based nonprofit 501(c)(3).

Technical training grant funds are only available for the following programs through Operation Next:

- **Machine Operations**
- **Industrial Technology Maintenance**
- **Welding**
- **Robotics**

Assistance for eligible applicants will be paid directly to the educational institutions. NO REIMBURSEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR COSTS PAID PREVIOUSLY. Covered costs include tuition and curriculum materials. Assistance for expenses such as uniforms, health and/or drug screening, and criminal background checks may also be provided when determined to be necessary by American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Institute or the educational institutions.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Primary household residence must be located within the state of Florida, Michigan or Montana

2. 18 years of age or older

Application may be made for one term at a time. If the applicant is unable to complete all course work required for certification within that term, they must reapply for assistance. NOTE: grant funding is limited and not guaranteed to be available beyond the first term. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Allow at least two (2) weeks for application processing.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL BACKUP INFORMATION REQUESTED WHEN RETURNING THIS GRANT APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. CAREFULLY READ AND ANSWER EACH QUESTION, AND THEN SIGN THE APPLICATION.

If you have any questions, or need assistance with the application, call American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Instititute, 313-309-9003.

Additional program information can be found at www.opnextjobs.com. To learn more about LIFT® visit: www.lift.technology

Questions?
Call (313) 309-9003

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Applications may be submitted online at:
www.opnextjobs.com/application-opnext

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PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. Incomplete applications will be returned with the noted deficiencies and may not be eligible for review during the current funding cycle.

Applicant's Name

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

City | State | Zip code

E-mail | Telephone

Age | Date of Birth

Which Operation Next program are you registering for?

Job training will be offered as hybrid learning, combining both online and in-person education through the following colleges. Please select your preferred training location. Not all job trainings are offered at each location. Please visit opnextjobs.com for up to date program information on programs.

- ☐ Welding at Pensacola State College, Pensacola, FL
- ☐ Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) at Pensacola State College, Pensacola, FL
- ☐ Welding at Valencia College, Orlando, FL
- ☐ Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) at Valencia College, Orlando, FL
- ☐ Industrial Technology Maintenance (ITM) at Valencia College, Orlando, FL
- ☐ Industrial Technology Maintenance (ITM) at St. Johns River State College, Lakeside, FL
- ☐ Welding at Big Bend Technical College, Perry, FL
- ☐ Welding at Riveroak Technical College, Live Oak, FL
- ☐ Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) at Riveroak Technical College, Live Oak, FL
- ☐ Welding at LIFT, Detroit, MI
- ☐ CNC at LIFT, Detroit, MI
- ☐ Robotics at LIFT, Detroit, MI

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THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED (for statistical purposes only):

Gender:

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to say

Marital Status:

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Please specify your Race/ Ethnicity:

☐ Caucasian/White
☐ African American/Black
☐ Hispanic/Latino
☐ Asian
☐ Native American
☐ Pacific Islander
☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Other (please specify) _____
☐ Other Multi-Racial

Language:

What is your primary language? _____

Are you currently experiencing financial or job related hardship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered Yes, please explain:

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THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED (for statistical purposes only):

If you are currently employeed, what is your annual income/salary?

- ☐ Under $15,000
- ☐ $15,000 to $24,999
- ☐ $25,000 to $34,999
- ☐ $35,000 to $49,999
- ☐ $50,000 to $74,999
- ☐ $75,000 to $99,999
- ☐ $100,000 to $124,999
- ☐ $125,000 to $149,999
- ☐ $150,000 to $199,999
- ☐ $200,000 and over

What is your highest level of education?

- ☐ High School/GED
- ☐ Associate's Degree
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree
- ☐ Master's Degree
- ☐ Doctorate or Professional Degree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Are you a veteran?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How did you hear about the Operation Next program?

- ☐ Online search, website
- ☐ Recommended by an educational institution
- ☐ Career fair
- ☐ Referred by a professional organization or business
- ☐ Referred by an employer
- ☐ Referred by a family member or friend
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Other _____

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CERTIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION

I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements or information are fraud and are immediate grounds for denial of assistance.

I understand that completing this application does not guarantee that I (we) will be eligible for assistance through the technical job traning grant program. I must complete the application process and be certified eligible before assistance can be provided. I understand that I am subject to all program guideline changes and that funding for the program is not guaranteed.

I understand that the information I provided, including all financial information, is subject to verification by the State of Florida and American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing.

Duplication of benefits certification: a duplication of benefits occurs when a person or household receives financial assistance from multiple sources for the same purpose, and the total assistance received for that purpose is more than the total need for assistance. The cares act requires grantees to ensure that any assistance provided will not result in a duplication of benefits. By signing this application, you are certifying you have not received or have applied for any additional assistance that would result in a duplication of benefits related to this program. Further you agree to repay any assistance provided if it is determined that such assistance is determined to be duplicative.

WARNING - PENALTY FOR FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION AT ANY TIME, AND TITLE 18, SECTION 1001 OF THE U.S. CODE STATES THAT A PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ASSISTANCE CAN BE TERMINATED FOR KNOWINGLY AND WILLINGLY MAKING A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT TO A DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

APPLICANT'S CHECK LIST -

You must provide the following items for consideration:

- ☐ Completed and signed application; and
- ☐ Copy of front and back of your State Driver's License or State Identification card

Incomplete applications will be returned with the noted deficiencies. Failure to respond to the notice by the stated deadline will result in denial of the application.

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OPTIONS FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:

Mail:

American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation
Att: Operation Next
1400 Rosa Parks Blvd
Detroit, MI 48216

Online:

Applications may be submitted online at:
www.opnextjobs.com/application-opnext

THE APPLICANT MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION. IF PERSON OTHER THAN APPLICANT SIGNS THE APPLICATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ATTACHED. ALLOW TWO (2) WEEKS APPLICATION PROCESSING TIME.

Signature - (Applicant)

Date