

## SME Education Foundation

As the philanthropic arm of SME, the nonprofit committed to accelerating new manufacturing technology adoption and building North America's talent and capabilities, the SME Education Foundation inspires, prepares, and supports the next generation of manufacturing and engineering talent. Established in 1979, the Foundation works to expose youth to modern manufacturing technologies, train students on relevant manufacturing processes, and award millions of dollars in scholarships annually. All Foundation programming seeks to empower youth to consider and pursue careers in manufacturing and engineering and increase engagement with historically underrepresented populations to help diversify the manufacturing industry. We continue to inspire, prepare, and support the next generation of manufacturing and engineering talent — now as many as 10,000 students every year.

For more than 40 years, the SME Education Foundation has been a leader in supporting the next generation of manufacturing and engineering talent. With more than 60 distinct scholarship programs, the Foundation provides merit and need-based scholarships, issues renewing and one-time awards.



## FANUC Automation Endowed Scholarship Fund

The FANUC Automation Endowed Scholarship Fund will help support, in perpetuity, hundreds, and eventually thousands, of young people in their pursuit of a career in advanced manufacturing and automation across the United States and Canada. Over the next four years, a minimum of \$1 million will be provided by FANUC America and their Authorized System Integrator (ASI) partners to establish an endowment that will ultimately award a minimum of \$50,000 in scholarships annually.

These awards will ease the financial burden of a post-secondary education and enhance the future pipeline of the automation workforce. There could be up to 2.1 million unfilled jobs by 2030 due to a lack of skilled labor. By reviving the manufacturing industry by having more individuals trained in advanced manufacturing and automation there could be up to 1.5 million jobs added to the industry.

**\$1 million**

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## Recognition & Benefits for ASI partners who support the scholarship fund include:

- All Contributions are Tax Deductible
- Marketing Toolkit
- Recognition in all Promotional Materials Related to the Scholarship Fund
- Featured on SME Education Foundation Web Page
- Included in Relevant Posts on SME Education Foundation Social Media Platforms
- Company Name Listed in SME Education Foundation Annual Report
- Engagement Opportunities with Scholarship Recipients
- Volunteer Scholarship Reviewer Opportunities



## How it Works

The Foundation has a propriety application platform that allows students to submit one application online and be automatically matched with the scholarships for which they are eligible – including the FANUC Automation Endowed Scholarship Fund. Students of all backgrounds no matter their program length (traditional four-year, two-year community college, etc.) are encouraged to apply. 1,500+ applications are submitted every year.

SME is thrilled to add the FANUC Automation Endowed Scholarship Fund to its portfolio and recognizes FANUC and their ASI partners as essential collaborators on a team of forward-thinking manufacturing and technology providers that support the Foundation's efforts to inspire, prepare, and support the next generation of manufacturing and engineering talent.

**\$50,000**  
to be awarded  
**per year**  
in perpetuity to  
**students across  
US/Canada**

**Join FANUC America, and the dozens of ASI partners who have already supported this transformational initiative!**

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**We look forward to announcing this exciting initiative publicly in early spring 2024!**