



DENSO North America Foundation Request for Skilled Trades Proposal 2024-2026

The DENSO North America Foundation (DNAF) seeks to promote awareness for and develop talent for manufacturing careers with high priority on skilled trades.

Proposals are sought for **projects that provide hands-on learning or enhance student retention** in the following areas:

Industrial Maintenance programs	Mechatronics programs
Certified Maintenance and Reliability programs	Industrial Electricity and Electronics programs
Industrial Tool & Die programs	Industrial HVAC-R programs
Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) programs	

Grant Goals:

- Engage and motivate a student body in being part of skilled trades teams
- Provide hands-on training for the application of skilled trades disciplines
- 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 2024-July 2026)
- 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, student retention, and how many students will be reached.
 - 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)
- D. Institutions awarded a grant are not eligible for a new grant while on an extension or while the existing grant is in incomplete status.

Proposal Submission:

- Proposals must be submitted by June 3, 2024 through the [DENSO North America Foundation Website](#)

Key Dates:

June 3	Proposals due/ Annual Activity Report Due
June 15- July 18	Board review/Determinations
July 24	<i>Target</i> determination notices & Agreements released
July 31	Signed Agreements due
August 1 – August 15	Grants released
August 1, 2025	Grant year 1 check in

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