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American Welding Society Announces Matching Gift Program for Endowed Scholarships

MIAMI, Fla., July 16, 2012 – The American Welding Society (AWS) has announced that for a limited time all donations to existing Named Scholarships or new Named Scholarships will be matched dollar for dollar. The AWS Board of Directors approved the matching program to provide more students with the opportunity to cover their welding education tuition.

“The AWS matching gift program provides an excellent opportunity for businesses and individuals to make a donation that will benefit the future of the welding industry,” said Sam Gentry, director, AWS Foundation. “This is an excellent program to establish a scholarship in your name, your company’s name or your District or Section’s name.”

Since 1991, the AWS Foundation has awarded more than \$5.3 million in scholarships, and this year will award 400 students with more than \$390,000. To learn more about AWS scholarships and make a donation, please visit, www.aws.org/foundation or contact Sam Gentry at 800-443-9353 ext 331 or email at sgentry@aws.org.

About AWS

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 70,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society’s website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on “Pressroom.”

About AWS Foundation

The AWS Foundation was established by the American Welding Society on September 13, 1989, to support programs that ensure the growth and development of the welding industry through strengthening research and educational opportunities in welding and related industries. Led by a volunteer Board of Trustees, the Foundation is organized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Administration, including program development, fundraising, public relations, marketing and financial management, is provided by a small development staff of the American Welding Society. Its operations are conducted from the Society's offices in Miami, Florida. For more information, visit <http://www.aws.org/foundation> .

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