



## Training Opportunity:

# Welding

## Sponsored by United Way of Olmsted County

November-28, 2011-January 11, 2012

*(No classes from Dec. 17-26)*

Hawthorne Education Center and RCTC Heintz Center

**Description:** Intensive welding training for employment.

**Eligibility:** Open to all interested adult (18+) residents of Olmsted County currently at or below 280 percent of the federal poverty level. English as Second Language (ESL) candidates must demonstrate proficiency at Level 5 or higher. Applicants must **not** be current K-12 students. Students will need to successfully complete the two-week career readiness and welding pre-skill training to be eligible for continuation to the welding lab portion.

**Fees:** Tuition and fees for approved candidates **paid** by United Way of Olmsted County.

**Equipment:** Students need to provide and wear steel-toe boots for the welding lab portion of the instruction. Basic safety equipment (hood, goggles, mask, sleeves and gloves) are provided to students for use during the training. Students have the opportunity to purchase this equipment at the completion of classes.

**Curriculum:** The program consists of intensive math and technical language coursework, computer and financial literacy training and 60 hours of hands-on welding lab instruction designed to build a foundation for entry-level employment as a welder. Instruction focuses on MIG welding with introductions to other techniques.

**Outcomes:** Entry-level employment as a welder.

**Attendance:** Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory.

**Employment:** Graduates have the opportunity to interview with area employers immediately following graduation. Starting wages in welding typically range from **\$10-\$15 per hour**.

**To Apply:** Please complete form on the reverse and submit to the address indicated at the bottom of the form **no later than 4:00 pm CST on November 11, 2011**.



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## Application

### Student Information

Name:	Phone Number:	
Address:	Email:	
Date of Birth:	Gender:	Today's Date:

### Eligibility

- I am currently a resident of Olmsted County.
- I am at least 18 years of age as of December 1, 2011
- I have no known medical conditions that would impair my participation in the class or welding employment.
- My total gross (before tax) household income during 2010 did not exceed the following (income verification required):
- I agree to be assigned a case manager for the duration of the program.
- I will ensure that my case manager has updated contact information and is able to reach me on short notice during the program period.
- I understand that participation in all program components and at all class sessions is mandatory.
- I understand that any absence may result in dismissal from the program.
- I understand that United Way and other program partners agree to pay the cost of my participation (approximately \$3,000).
- My intention in taking this training is to gain employment in this occupation.
- I understand that completion of the program is not a guarantee of employment.

Household size	Total household income
1	\$30,324.0
2	\$40,796.0
3	\$51,268.0
4	\$61,740.0
5	\$72,212.0
6	\$82,684.0
7	\$93,156.0
8	\$103,628.0

Do you currently have a case manager (check one)?  Yes  No  Don't Know. If yes, please have your case manager complete the section below (in grey).

### Case Manager Information

Organization name:	Caseworker name:
Caseworker phone:	Caseworker email:

Forward completed form **NO LATER THAN 4:00 pm on November 11 to:**

**December 2011 Welding Training Program**  
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