

Gene Haas Foundation Doubles SkillsUSA Machining Championship Awards for Future Machinists

The Gene Haas Foundation, Oxnard, Calif. continues to invest in the future, by supporting students with a \$54,000 grant to the SME Education Foundation for the **2014 SkillsUSA Machining Championship Award Program**. The 2014 GHF Grant is double that of previous years.

Kathy Looman, Administrator of the Gene Haas Foundation says, “Our industry is looking for employees with specific skill sets, and knowledge of today’s digital manufacturing environment. Students competing at the SkillsUSA Championship this summer will be using advanced Haas CNC machine tools and CNC Simulators, be monitored and judged by engineers, learn from their peers, and meet future employers. Industry needs to spend more time directing and advising young people and supporting CTE education programs throughout the USA. Working together we can make a difference.”

The Gene Haas SkillsUSA Machining Championship Award certificates will be presented to 18 national medal winners at the Awards Ceremony at Kemper Arena in Kansas City on Friday, June 27 in these amounts:

Gold: \$4,000 Silver: \$3,000 Bronze: \$2,000

The 2014 SkillsUSA Machining Championship Award program will be administered by the SME Education Foundation. Winning medalists will receive the designated amount to support continued learning by submitting their application and award certificate to the SME Education Foundation. The Foundation will then send designated award funding directly to the medalists’ respective schools.

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Seven Monday Workshops are finalized: AutoDesk, Immersive, Mastercam, NIMS, Sandvik Coromant & ToolingU/SME. Twenty (20) CNC Technology Breakout Presentations will also be presented at the conference. E.J. Daigle, Brian Nelsen and Hope Riska are organizers and hosts. **Online registration is open and special HTEC rates are set up with the listed hotels. We hope to see you there!**

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