



## **What is the Manufacturing Upskilling Certificate?**

The Lincoln Manufacturing Council will fund educational opportunities for individuals with manufacturing experience who need economic assistance to advance their careers.

This funding is only available through 2024, so take advantage now!

Lincoln presents many opportunities to grow your manufacturing career, and LMC wants to help you get there by funding certain classes and providing wraparound support through childcare, transportation, and more.

## **Who should apply?**

You may be a good candidate for this scholarship if you meet at least one of the following criteria:

- You have taken the Manufacturing Skills Certificate (Level 2)
- You are currently employed in manufacturing at a Lincoln Manufacturing Council company and are seeking greater opportunities for economic advancement
- You have previous manufacturing experience and need to gain skills to find a manufacturing role with greater opportunities for economic advancement
- You are experiencing economic hardship, are a member of a Tribal government, are an immigrant or refugee, and/or qualify for government assistance programs

## **What can the scholarship pay for?**

This scholarship is intended to cover individual classes to help recipients take their career to the next level. Many classes may be available upon request, but see our [website](#) for some ideas.

LMC will not pay for an entire degree or certificate program, rather, we will support individual classes and support for materials such as textbooks and tools for classes.

## **Before you apply**

Read below to see what questions will be asked on the application.

If you need to leave the application and return later, the application form will save your answers as long as you revisit the page from the same device.

Research the class you are interested in and how much it costs.



## Application Questions

### Basic Information

1. Full name
2. Date of birth
3. Address
4. Phone Number
5. Email Address
6. Have you previously participated in the Lincoln Manufacturing Council Basics Certificate (Level 1, the 6-week program)?
7. Have you previously Participated in the Lincoln Manufacturing Council Skills Certificate (Level 2, at the Career Academy)?

### Qualification Information

The following questions determine minimum eligibility for this scholarship. Identifiable information will remain confidential.

Please respond to the following questions to demonstrate if you are eligible for this scholarship.

1. Are you legally authorized to work in the United States?
2. Are you 18 years of age or older?
3. Please check all that apply to you
  - I am unemployed and/or I have looked for work in the past 12 months
  - I am employed part-time but want to be employed full-time
  - I am employed but I am seeking a position with greater opportunities for economic advancement
  - I am an immigrant or refugee in the United States
  - I or somebody in my household is receiving services provided by a Tribal government or territory of the United States
  - None of the above apply to me
4. Do you or someone in your household qualify for any of the following
  - Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
  - Subsidies through the Childcare and Development Fund Program
  - Medicaid
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch and/or Breakfast
  - Medicare Part D Low-income subsidies



- Supplemental Security Income
  - Head Start
  - Early Head Start
  - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
  - Section 8 Vouchers
  - Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Programs
  - None of the above apply to me
5. Employment status
- a. I have a full-time job (I am employed and work 30 hours a week or more)
  - b. I have a part-time job (I am employed and work less than 30 hours a week)
  - c. I am unemployed and looking for work
  - d. I am unemployed and not looking for work

**If employed, please answer the following questions:**

1. Who is your current employer?
2. How long have you worked at this company?
3. What is your current role?
4. Please list your current wages and/or salary.
5. Please list the name, email, and phone number of your current supervisor. We will contact them to serve as a reference for you.

**Program Details**

1. What is the name of the class for which you are seeking funding? *As a reminder, this scholarship cannot pay for an entire degree program but can provide support for individual classes, equipment, etc.*
2. Please provide a web link for the program and/or class.
3. What is the cost of this class? Estimate if necessary.
4. What are the start and end dates for this class?
5. Please describe your experience in manufacturing, including current and former employers and positions held.

**Essay Questions**

6. Please explain why you are interested in taking this class and how it will benefit your career in manufacturing. (3 or more sentences)

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7. Please describe your future goals in manufacturing. Why are you interested in continuing your career in manufacturing? What are your expectations and goals for the next year? (3 or more sentences)
8. Is there any further information you would like to share?