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Manufacturing Students: Apply by Nov. 7 for the Dr. Sherrie Ford Scholarship

ROLLING MEADOWS, III.—The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is now accepting applications for the Dr. Sherrie Ford Manufacturing as a Career Path Scholarship. The deadline for applications is Friday, Nov. 7, 2014. Sponsored by <u>AME Institute</u> and <u>Kronos</u>, the scholarship is an integral part of AME's educational outreach, supporting students pursuing careers in manufacturing who demonstrate keen insight into the complexity of the pursuit of enterprise excellence.

"Dr. Ford inspired numerous people in manufacturing throughout the course of her career," said AME President Barbara Morrison. "This scholarship honors her legacy by supporting the next generation of manufacturing professionals."

Scholarship applicants must either be entering or already enrolled in an accredited college or trade school for the 2015 academic year. Eligible applicants can be individuals who are currently graduating from high school, current college students or those with prior work experience who are now pursuing a college education.

Dr. Sherrie Ford was a renowned consultant in the field of enterprise change and head of Power Partners, recognized as one of the U.S.' largest womenowned businesses. Ford utilized a unique approach to transforming workplace culture, working with the entire hourly workforce as well as upper management to embrace process improvement strategies and lean production principles. In her honor, this scholarship paves the way for the next generation of manufacturing professionals to pursue their dreams.

The scholarship application and criteria can be found on <u>AME's website</u>. Please contact Jerri Stohmeyer, education and training program coordinator, at <u>jstrohmeyer@ame.org</u> or 224-232-5980, ext. 222 with any questions.

About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-forprofit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME's membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-topractitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing Dr. Sherrie Ford Scholarship Release Page 2 of 2

new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. AME offers its members a multitude of valuable resources to help them stay abreast of current industry developments and improve the skills, competitiveness and overall success of their organizations. Join AME in leading the "Renaissance of Manufacturing in North America." For more information, visit <u>ame.org</u> or email <u>info@ame.org</u>.

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