

Gene Haas Foundation Grants Scholarships to Machine Tool Technology Students at Southeastern Tech

Nine Machine Tool Technology (Computer Numeric Control) students were awarded Gene Haas Scholarships by the STC Foundation. These scholarships, made possible by a grant received from The Gene Haas Foundation, cover a portion of student tuition, books, and/or fees.

STC's Machine Tool Technology Program, led by James Yearty, prepares graduates for gainful employment as machine tool technicians. Machinists set up and operate various computer-controlled and mechanically-controlled machine tools to produce precision metal parts, instruments, and tools. This program also provides hands-on training for similar occupations in this field.

Scholarship recipients are: Daniel Crews, Cody Hopkins, Andrew Mullis, Jonathan Richardson, and Robert Stewart from Swainsboro, Clarence Allen Dykes from Adrian, Jimmie Rumore and Joseph Rumore from Wrightsville, and Chandler Wiggins from Oak Park.

"I have enjoyed the Machine Tool and CNC program at Southeastern Tech and I appreciate Haas for supporting the program and the students. This program provides students with the opportunity to learn valuable skills in a short time – and with little out-of-pocket costs. The graduates of the program have opportunities for a good job with one of many companies in the local area and within the state of Georgia. The graduates may elect to start their own small businesses using their training," said Allen Dykes.

The Gene Haas Foundation was established by Gene Haas, founder and owner of Haas Automation, Inc., to support the needs of the local community through grants to local charities. Seeing a growing need for skilled manufacturing employees industry-wide, The Gene Haas Foundation expanded its mission to include support for manufacturing training programs throughout North America and beyond. By providing scholarship grants, sponsoring individual and team CNC competitions, and partnering with the very best CNC training programs in the world, the Foundation helps expand the availability of high-quality manufacturing technology training worldwide.

“The Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship has assisted me in the pursuit of an education that I thought would be difficult to achieve. It has allowed me to focus on learning the skills for a great career in the CNC field rather than focusing on the financial hardships of a higher education,” said second-year student Jimmie Rumore.

“I am thankful that Gene Haas fulfills its vision of investing in students. The three semesters students spend with us accelerate their careers, their opportunities, and their salaries,” said Mr. Yearty.

Gene Haas scholarships are available to any student enrolled in Machine Tool Technology at STC. The program can be completed in three semesters. The technical certificates of credit offered within the program are: [Basic Computer Numeric Control \(CNC\) Technician](#), [Basic Machinist](#), and [Computer Numeric Control \(CNC\) Specialist](#).

Swainsboro lab tours are available to anyone interested by contacting Mr. Yearty at (478) 289-2323 or jyearty@southeasterntech.edu.

Photos (L to R): Instructor James Yearty, Chandler Wiggins, Jimmie Rumore, Andrew Mullis, Jonathan Richardson

(L to R): Robert Stewart, Allen Dykes, Instructor James Yearty, Joseph Rumore

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