INDUSTRY PROFILE

CWB Welding Foundation

Unlocking a world of opportunities and fulfilling career pathways with welding

Did you know? Many professions and industries use welding every day. After all, welding is known as the gateway to the skilled trades – opening a world of opportunities and fulfilling career pathways for students of all ages. From artist to underwater welder, millwright, boilermaker and beyond, introducing Canada's future workforce to the world of welding will spark curiosity, ignite confidence, and build skills for their chosen career path.

The benefits of welding for youth in Canada as they explore their career opportunities include:

- High earning potential
- **High demand** by employers
- Flexible career path
- Global opportunities
- Earn while you learn through apprenticeship
- Transferrable skills within the skilled trades
- Diverse environments and industries to work in
- Rewarding and stimulating work with hands-on problem solving

The CWB Welding Foundation is a registered charity focused on creating a gateway to the skilled trades to enable students of all ages to explore and advance in successful, exciting careers. The CWB Foundation offers hands-on and virtual programs and provides financial support that reduces barriers affecting vital groups including Indigenous Peoples, women, and other underrepresented groups. The CWB Foundation increases accessibility to career exploration regardless of identity factors, social and financial status and lived experiences, including gender, age, ethnicity, language, literacy, culture, and location.

MIND OVER METAL™ YOUTH CAMPS:

Mind Over Metal[™] Youth Camps are an excellent, no-cost opportunity to introduce students from all backgrounds to the world of welding. Introductory, project-based activities utilize age-appropriate CWB educational curriculum, with a strong focus on health and safety, building confidence and promoting self-expression, as students experience something new and are encouraged to explore potential career paths. The CWB Foundation works closely with host schools and sponsoring partners to design each camp to support the needs of that community. From meals provided, elders welcomed, and curriculum focused on cultural values, each Mind Over Metal Youth Camp is as unique as the students who participate.

AWARDS & BURSARIES:

The CWB Foundation also provides awards and bursaries to reduce financial barriers for students interested in exploring a welding-related career. Opportunities are provided throughout the year for students to apply to receive financial support towards their tuition and continue into apprenticeships, post-secondary studies, and employment. The CWB Foundation also supports the Indspire 'Building Brighter Futures' student awards program for First Nation, Inuit, and Metis students.

The CWB Foundation and its partners are committed to reducing barriers and increasing opportunities for all students considering a future in skilled trades by providing new experiences, building skills, and growing confidence – all at no cost.

• Visit **cwbweldingfoundation.org** today to learn more about the world that welding can unlock for students and how our programs and initiatives can support that exploration.

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