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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Welding Training Scholarships Available**

The Mitchell County Economic Development Commission is excited to announce a scholarship opportunity to support residents of Mitchell County in enhancing and expanding their workforce skills. With the growing demand for production welders in Mitchell County and the North Iowa area, NIACC is offering a 40-hour production welding course this fall. This course will provide participants with the skills necessary for entry level manufacturing welding with the Gas Metal Arc Welding (MIG) process.

Tuition assistance is available to students who qualify through the GAP Tuition Assistance Program.

Additionally, the Mitchell County Economic Development Commission has secured grant funds through "The Foundation for the Enhancement of Mitchell County" to provide a \$250 scholarship or tuition rebate toward course tuition for any Mitchell County resident and anyone taking the course who goes on to work for a Mitchell County industry within 90 days of taking the course. The scholarship opportunity is available for up to 10 people.

"We are pleased to offer this support to people who are interested in a welding career." said Brenda Dryer, Executive Director for Mitchell County Economic Development Commission. "This is a great way in a short period of time to enhance your skills and take advantage of the many welding opportunities available in North Central Iowa."

The class will meet **August 5-9 from 8:00am – 4:30pm** in the Buettner Careers Building on the NIACC Campus. Call the NIACC Continuing Education Division at 641-422-4358 for more information on the course and financial assistance opportunities available.

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