

This Giving Tuesday, help us fasten the future!

Every bridge, car, and innovation depends on one thing: how it is fastened together. The same is true for our industry. Our future depends on the next generation of skilled professionals.

This Giving Tuesday (December 2, 2025), your donation to the Fastener Education Foundation will fund scholarship and training programs that connect students and emerging professionals to rewarding careers in the fastener industry. And, it can be considered a tax deduction, so both you and the fastener industry benefit!

Across North America, skilled trades are facing a growing challenge: a shortage of trained workers and technical experts. As experienced professionals retire, fewer young people enter the field; not because of lack of interest, but because of lack of awareness, access, and training opportunities.

To secure the next generation of talent, we must invest today in **education**, **hands-on training**, **and professional development** that connect students and emerging professionals to rewarding careers in the fastener industry.

At the <u>Fastener Education Foundation</u>, we are committed to closing the skills gap by identifying, cultivating and delivering financial resources for training, education, and professional development in the North American fastener industry. Your support will help fund scholarships for critical online and in-person training programs with the Fastener Training Institute and other providers of fastener technology training.

<u>Donate today</u> and help us build a stronger, more sustainable future for the fastener industry and for skilled trades. Together, we can create pathways to opportunity, strengthen local communities, and ensure that the fastener industry and skilled trades remain a foundation of innovation and stability for generations to come.

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