Society of Manufacturing Engineers

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) is the world's leading professional society advancing manufacturing knowledge and influencing more than half a million manufacturing practitioners annually. The mission of SME is to acquire and distribute manufacturing knowledge among its members and the broader manufacturing community. Through its communities, publications, expositions and professional development resources, SME connects manufacturing practitioners to each other, to the latest technologies and to the most up-to-date processes spanning all manufacturing industries and disciplines, including the key areas of aerospace and defense, medical, motorized vehicles and energy. SME is recognized globally as the premier source for manufacturing knowledge, education and networking. Headquartered in Michigan, the Society has members in more than 70 countries and represents manufacturing practitioners across all industries. Members participate in local chapters and SME’s eight technical communities that focus on specific manufacturing disciplines.

Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation was created in 1979 as a means of transforming manufacturing education in North American colleges and universities. The SME Education Foundation’s mission is to prepare the next generation of manufacturing engineers and technologists through outreach programs that enrich science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) as well as Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) education. SME partners with other organizations to provide scholarships, ensuring that there is a pipeline of students pursuing manufacturing engineering and engineering technology degrees.

Over SME Education Foundation’s 30 year history, it has:

- Invested $5.3 million in youth programs, helping over 15,000 to explore career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education;
- Granted over $4.7 million in scholarships to students pursuing manufacturing-related careers;
- Invested $17.3 million in grants to 35 colleges and universities to develop industry-driven curricula;
- Provided more than $29 million in financial support to youth programs, scholarships, and awards through individual donors, organizations and foundations.

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