

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation

Our goal as a foundation is to make contributions to other 501(c)(3) organizations that give to and support the trades. Mike Rowe created the foundation at the end of 2008 to, in his words, “give something back and challenge the prevailing definition of a ‘good job.’ For decades, we have put a premium on a four-year degree, and told an entire generation that trade schools and skilled labor are ‘alternatives’ to ‘higher education.’ Hyperbole aside, the skills gap is real. Our infrastructure is crumbling. And our country is scrambling to put itself back together.”

In 2011, we partnered with and supported top notch organizations like **The AED Foundation** and **SkillsUSA**. We granted tool scholarships to 24 recipients attending accredited schools overseen by the AED Foundation and granted 20 hardship scholarships to gold medal winners to attend the SkillsUSA 2011 National Competition in Kansas City, MO.

