

Welding Frequently Asked Questions

1. When are welding classes held and how much does it cost?

Answer: Welding classes are held each semester over a fifteen week period. The welding program starts every January and August. Classes are held over a 15 week period, three days a week (Tuesday – Thursday) from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

There are two classes offered: Basic and Advanced. The Basic welding training costs \$900; the Advanced welding training costs \$1,000.

2. Where is the Welding program held?

Answer: Goodwill partners with Metropolitan Career and Technical School to provide the classroom and training equipment. All classes will be held at Metro, located at 7700 Scott Hamilton Drive in Little Rock.

3. What tools or supplies do I need to provide to take the class?

Answer: Students must be pursuing or have obtained a high school diploma or GED®. Students need to wear long-sleeve cotton shirt (example: long-sleeve, button-down flannel shirt), denim jeans free of holes, rips, or tears, and leather boots.

4. What is the difference between the Basic and Advanced classes?

Answer: The Basic class is designed for individuals who have little to no welding experience. Topics covered in the Basic class include Welding Safety, Oxy-Fuel Cutting, Plasma Cutting, and the process of Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW). Students will also learn how to operate various hand and power tools. During the Basic welding class, students have the opportunity to earn OSHA-10 certification.

Advanced welding includes hands-on practice performing SMAW welds in vertical and overhead positions in preparation for the American Welding Society (AWS) certification. Students in the Advanced class will also be introduced to MIG and TIG welding with opportunities to practice these welds.

5. How do I register?

Answer: Candidates can pick up a registration packet at Goodwill's Resource Center (GRC) on 7400 Scott Hamilton (Exit 134 off I-30), enter through Door 1 (visitor parking available close to the entrance) and let the receptionist know you are there to register for welding. The registration packet includes a registration form, payment plan information, syllabus and class schedule, program rules and expectations, and a flyer to keep for reference or to share with others.

Once the registration packet has been reviewed by the candidate, call or email the Academy Training Manager to set up an initial interview/overview session. The Academy Training Manager can be reached at 501-372-5100 ext. 1192 or Academy@GoodwillAR.org.

6. How is payment handled for this program?

Answer: Given the larger tuition amount for the welding program, a payment plan has been developed. The total amount for the Basic Welding is \$900; a \$300 registration fee is required to hold the student's spot in the class and covers materials and instructor fees. The registration fee is non-refundable.

****See next page for more payment information****

The remaining tuition is \$600; the outline for payment is detailed here:

Date of Payment	Payment Amount:
End of First Week:	\$200.00
End of the Fourth Week:	\$200.00
End of Eighth Week:	\$200.00

All tuition fees must be paid by the eighth week (or half-way point) in the program.

7. If I register and pay for the class, but have to cancel, can I get a refund or be moved to a following class?

Answer: The registration fee of \$300 is non-refundable. Refund issues are handled on a case-by-case basis. Specific deadlines for withdrawals will be discussed during the initial one-on-one interview/overview with the Academy Training Manager.

For more detailed answers to your questions, please contact:

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