GULF COAST FAME

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Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) is a nationally recognized Co-Op program where you learn how to become a Multi-Craft Manufacturing Technician. The program provides you a pathway to earn an Associate's Degree while gaining 1,800 hours of On-The-Job Training with a local manufacturer.

If selected, you will participate in the program's 40-hour per week training program where you attend college two days a week and work three days a week (24+ hours). You will gain knowledge in electrical, mechanical, and automation to solve real-world problems and support critical processes within your manufacturing plant.

Many FAME participants graduate with a full-time job offer and zero academic debt.

For more information on Gulf Coast FAME visit: www.FAME-USA.com.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

☑ Complete the Gulf Coast State College Application

- FAME applicants must meet the admissions requirements for the Automation and Advanced Manufacturing Associates Degree at Gulf Coast State College.
- Visit https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/ to apply & for more information

☑ Complete the FAME application

- https://bit.ly/GulfCoastFAME
- Deadline to apply for the June 2021 cohort is March 31, 2021

☑ Set your Calendar

- Interviews will take place in March and April 2021 – watch our Facebook page for more information
- Top qualified students will be invited to interview with the Sponsoring Employee Panel. Selections will be made following the interview process.
- 'Like' Gulf Coast FAME on Facebook to stay up to date in the newest information: @GulfCoastFAME or email us at: GulfCoast.FAME@gmail.com

Career Pathway

Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education: Advanced Manufacturing Technician

MANUFACTURING Institute

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Here are some of the most common questions asked about Gulf Coast FAME.

Why should I apply to FAME?

This program helps set you on a career path that is high tech, in high demand and has a competitive wage. FAME is perfect for anyone who has ever thought, "I would love to work in STEM or be an engineer, but I don't want to sit behind a desk all day or I do not want to take on all the college debt". In just two years, you become a highly qualified Advanced Manufacturing Technician with 1,800 hours of paid on the job training, strong leadership skills, an Associate's Degree & hopefully a full-time job offer.

How much will I earn per hour?

Each sponsoring employer will offer different pay & benefits, but you can expect to earn at least $12 per hour.

Can I choose which employer sponsors me?

While we understand you might have a preference of which employer you would like to work for, you must be open to working with any of the sponsoring employers.

Can I also apply for Financial Aid?

Yes! Many students will still qualify for financial aid in addition their earned hourly wage.

Who can apply to participate in Gulf Coast FAME?

Gulf Coast FAME is open to any person with a high school diploma or GED. Ideal candidates have a passion to work in a STEM related career.

- High School Seniors, Veterans, and Career Changers interested in hands-on engineering or another STEM related career should consider applying.
- Most qualified applicants will have taken the ACT, SAT or CPT/PERT placement test and scored at a college ready proficiency in Math and English. (Please see GCSC's testing page on their website for more information.)

What if I do not meet the placement test requirements?

Gulf Coast FAME is an intense 5 semester program and students must be academically prepared to meet the education requirements. Students who did not meet the test score requirements may still be eligible for the program by successfully completing the prerequisites for MAC1105 or ENC1101 with a "C" grade or above prior to the start of the first Semester.

When does this program start and when is my application due?

Gulf Coast FAME will start with Orientation in late June and applications must be submitted by March 31, 2021 to be considered for an interview in April.

Why is this program a great opportunity?

Students can earn more than $21,500 working part time while attending college, which reduces the need for student loans and prepares students for a successful career. In fact, most FAME graduates have completed the program with no college debt. In addition, the student will have two years of related work experience to build their resume.

Is the program safe?

Today's high standards of manufacturing excellence emphasizes safety and quality and is reinforced daily with associates and management teams. The program begins with a semester of extensive safety training. This integrates safety awareness and risk reduction into all aspects of operations and training at each of the sponsoring employers.

Am I guaranteed a job after graduation with my sponsoring employer?

There is no guarantee. If sponsor companies have positions available, many times their FAME students receive full-time job offers. There is over an 85% in-field placement rate for students in the FAME program nationally.

When will I know if I've been Sponsored by an Employer for the Program?

The top qualified students will be invited to interview with an employer panel in March or April. Selections will be made following the interview process. Dates to be scheduled soon – check out our website or Facebook page for information as it becomes available.

What is required of me during the program?

You must be truly committed to the program. This is not like other educational programs. To maintain your work sponsorship, you are required to:

- Show up EVERY day to work and school on time. Each sponsoring company will have their own attendance policy, and it will be strictly enforced.
- Maintain a "C" grade or higher in ALL classes
- Must be professional and respectful at both work and school.
- Remain 100% illegal drug free during the program
- Observe all safety rules and practices specified while at Work and School

I still have questions. Is there someone I can talk to?

Yes! You can find more information about Gulf Coast FAME by visiting our websites:

- National FAME Organization: https://fame-usa.com/
- Gulf Coast State College: https://www.gulfcoast.edu/
- Gulf Coast FAME's Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/GulfCoastFAME
- Gulf Coast FAME Application: https://bit.ly/GulfCoastFAME
- Email Address: GulfCoast.FAME@gmail.com