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Forging Industry Women's Scholarship Endowed

Cleveland, Ohio -- FIERF is very pleased to have been entrusted with the administration of the new Forging Industry Women's Scholarship made possible through a very generous gift of Sharon Haverstock.

Recently retired as Executive VP of Scot Forge, Sharon has been a tireless supporter and volunteer of Forging Industry Association. She was a member of the Association's Marketing Committee, chaired that committee and also served as a Director on the FIA Board of Directors and sat on the Nominating Committee.

"I would very much like to honor the people and the industry that helped provide me with an incredibly exciting and fulfilling 32-year career in forging. So many professional, intelligent and caring FIA colleagues helped mentor and guide me over the years, and I'd like to help other women have those same meaningful experiences", explains Haverstock. "By establishing this scholarship, I'm hoping to bring awareness not only to the women applicants, but also to FIA member companies. Welcoming women to the industry and helping them advance and attain their full potential would bring greater diversity, talent and leadership to their individual companies and the overall industry."

A maximum of three scholarships of up to \$5000 will be awarded beginning in 2015 to women currently enrolled as full time students in the US, Canada and Mexico pursuing an associate, baccalaureate or master's degree in Engineering, Management, Marketing, Manufacturing or comparable area of study at an accredited community college or university. Preference will be given to students with a connection to the forging supply chain and will encourage an internship in a forging industry company.

FIERF President Rob Mayer, President of The Queen City Forging Co. notes, "Sharon's generosity provides a new opportunity to address our need to attract and train those who will be critical to the future of our metalworking companies".

Application and complete guideline information is available on www.forging.org. Deadline for all materials to be received is May 1, 2015. Recipients will be announced in June.

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