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*Upstate Workforce Board Awards Scholarships*

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Each year, the Upstate Workforce Board receives federal funding to support the growth and development of a stronger and more skilled workforce. Between July and December 2016, the Upstate Workforce Board, in partnership with SC Works Upstate, awarded 44 recipients approximately \$172,000 in training and supportive service scholarships. These scholarships gave recipients the opportunity to obtain training in occupations that are considered to be in high demand in our area.

Executive Director Ann Angermeier said, "Workforce development and economic development go hand in hand. With all of the jobs that are coming into the Upstate, and the unemployment rate at a low, we are having a hard time finding people for the jobs that we have open. So, educational and training scholarships are vital to getting people jobs."

The Upstate Workforce Board has identified the in-demand occupational areas as: advanced manufacturing, construction manufacturing, logistics, retail, healthcare and distribution. Scholarships are still available! All interested residents should visit the nearest SC Works office in Cherokee, Spartanburg or Union counties.

The Upstate Workforce Board's mission is to build and maintain a workforce development system that meets the needs of employers of Cherokee, Spartanburg and Union Counties.

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