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STATE WATER HEATERS AWARDS APPRENTICE SCHOLARSHIP

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. (Sept. 21, 2015) – State Water Heaters (statewaterheaters.com) has announced the winner of a \$2,500 scholarship for students pursuing plumbing-heating-cooling related studies.

The 2015 scholarship recipient is Austin T. Schmidt of Jasper, Ind. Schmidt is pursuing a degree in Construction Management at Ivy Technical Community College of Indiana.

“State is committed to helping our contractor partners fill their teams with well trained and highly qualified workers,” said Brandon Stepanek, manager, contractor marketing for State Water Heaters. “Education is the key to meeting the current and future demands of our industry.”

The Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (PHCC) Educational Foundation administers the scholarship program and is responsible for selecting the award winners. The scholarship program is designed to attract the new talent essential to the future of the plumbing and HVACR industry.

To qualify for a PHCC Educational Foundation scholarship (phccfoundation.org/scholarships), students must submit a detailed application including a letter of recommendation from an active member of the PHCC—National Association and enroll in a plumbing-heating-cooling related course of study or apprentice program such as business management, construction management or science specializing in mechanical construction or mechanical engineering.

About State Water Heaters

State Water Heaters, a brand of State Industries, Inc., is a leading manufacturer of commercial and residential water heaters. State offers over 500 water heater products, and has consistently developed new technologies to ensure longer product life. Based in Ashland City, Tenn., State has seven water heater manufacturing plants. Distribution centers across the United States ensure efficient service to State’s national customer base of residential homeowners, wholesalers, contractors, and other members of the engineering community.

About PHCC Educational Foundation

The PHCC Educational Foundation, a partnership of contractors, manufacturers, and wholesalers, was founded in 1987 to serve the plumbing-heating-cooling industry by preparing contractors and their employees to meet the challenges of a constantly changing marketplace. Students interested in pursuing a career in the plumbing or HVACR professions are invited to visit phccfoundation.org/scholarships for information on 2016 scholarships.

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