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“Develop the best -
Hire the best”

What does WoodLINKS USA provide the High School Teacher and the High School Student?

- 1. Curriculum Guidelines and Sub-Sectors***-a set of learning outcomes for delivery to an unrestricted number of students during a 12 month period, September to August.
- 2. Assistance with forming partnerships*** and securing support from local industry.
- 3. National and international teacher in-service*** opportunities in Atlanta GA. (IWF) and in Las Vegas, NV (AWFS). These in-services are held every year. Teacher travel and accommodations are paid by WoodLINKS USA.
- 4. Scholarship opportunities*** for students.
- 5. National donations*** valued at over \$230,000 from industry suppliers;
- 6. Significant discounts*** on equipment purchases with recognized industry supporters.
- 7. National Competitions*** Enhanced preparation for student contests such as the AWFS Fresh Wood Competition, the IWF Ready to Assemble Contest and Veneer Tech's Craftsman's Challenge.
- 8. National teacher and student recognition*** via annual awards
- 9. Teaching resources*** to assist with teaching the program. (To be sent to the school once the school joins the program) and sent on an ongoing basis as requested.
- 10. Access to the Madison Area Technical College (MATC)*** teaching resources.
- 11. National and international networking opportunities*** with over 90 schools in 22 states.
- 12. Help with setting up a marketing tool for the teachers program.***
- 13. Access to trade-journal subscriptions*** – they make the best teaching resources.
- 14. Free industry-training*** for WoodLINKS teachers at recognized industry –training facilities.
- 15. Summer Internships*** possible summer employment or internship with local or national companies.
- 16. National Certification*** student certification recognized by industry.
- 17. Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers and Forest Products Society*** one year complimentary membership.
- 18. Cabinet Makers Association***-free membership for online web resources.

This list is not comprehensive, but representative of what WoodLINKS USA provides WoodLINKS USA schools