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Sean Brons, Northwest Iowa Community College's Collision Repair and Technology Program student, wins *Hire Our Heroes* Grant

Sean Brons, NCC Collision Repair and Technology Program student, Sioux Center, has been selected to receive the *Hire Our Heroes* Collision Repair Education Foundation and 3M Automotive Aftermarket Division Grant.

Each winning student had the opportunity to select \$2,500 worth of tools to help them in their education and for employment after graduation. The winners include fifty-four students that are currently studying collision repair, and who have served or are currently serving in the military. There were a total of fifty-nine winners for the first round of the Hire Our Heroes awards.

Brons was a US Marine E4 Sergeant who has served two deployments in Afghanistan. After his service was completed in the Marines Brons decided to attend NCC with the help of the GI Bill. Brons stated, "The GI Bill pays for my tuition, but not any equipment or tools that I need. My Instructor, Steven Youngs, started to look around for other ways to help me pay for tools. He found *Hire Our Heroes* grant through the Collision Repair Education Foundation and the 3M Company. I decided to apply and was lucky enough to be chosen to receive one of the grants."

Brons continued, "This is an awesome grant! It's good that there is grant money available out there for everyone but giving it to someone who has served is an awesome thing. To the 3M Company and the Collision Repair Education Foundation I would like to say thank you and express my extreme gratitude. Hopefully they will continue to support the troops at home and abroad."

Greg Marttern, District Sales Representative for 3M Automotive Aftermarket Division, "I think it's great this grant is going to a veteran and I am happy someone within my district won. I feel great working for a company that is giving away a lot of educational grants."

"We're proud to work with the Collision Repair Education Foundation to support training for these deserving veterans and their family members, and we are excited about these young men and women joining our industry," said Dale Ross, U.S. Marketing Operations Manager for 3M Automotive Aftermarket Division.

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