

# Technical Training Group Trainee Spotlight: Cameron Lebold

Cameron is currently a trainee in TTG's Welding and Metal Fabrication Pathway Program running in Stratford.

Before applying to our program Cameron was working on completing his OSSD, however COVID-19 affected his completion as he decided to opt out of remote learning.

In 2021 Cameron started to work towards his GED with The Centre for Employment and Learning (CEL) in Goderich, ON. That's where he learned about TTG's Pathway's Program.



Cameron applied and was accepted into the program and started his training in September 2021.

Cameron has now successfully completed the in-class portion of his training and will soon be starting his 8-week paid work placement as an entry level welder at Calhoun Super Structures.

## What interested you in welding?

I love everything about it. Working with my hands and seeing the finished project. I enjoy getting to see the blood, sweat and tears you put into it. I have always wanted to get into welding and TTG gave me the jump start into the system. I wanted to get into the trades for the money but I actually love it. I want to get a welder of my own to mess around with it. Work on welding positions and angles.

### What is your favourite part of the program?

Welding – getting to build little things, we just built a hand sanitizer holder out of sheet metal. You have to fold it and bend it, weld it together and grind it all up.

Adam (the Pathways Instructor) is a great guy and one of the coolest teachers I have ever had. I am glad I have him as the person who opens the door for me to get into the trades.

#### What are your plans after you graduate our program?

I am hoping to make it into a shop or into the union. My plan is to travel around the country. Maybe become an iron worker – they get paid pretty well and you get to travel around. I want to get my own apartment and car.

#### Who are your biggest supporters?

My parents. My dad is a welder and I can sit and have conversations with him and talk about welding. My mom has my back and has always been in my corner. She is filled with joy about me being in this program. She is very proud and impressed.



