

The Murray State College Gunsmithing Program was started in 1979. The program provides training in custom gunsmithing and gun repair. It helps the student develop the basic knowledge and skills needed to become a professional gunsmith.

Our gunsmithing instructors receive two to three job requests for each one of our students that we graduate. All of our graduates can be placed in employment if they are willing to relocate to where the jobs are offered. We receive job requests from Florida to Alaska. Average starting wages range from \$15 to \$35 dollars per hour.

Enclosed is the Murray State College Gunsmithing application you requested. Please read all information carefully and fill out all forms completely. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.** You can send the application by mail, email: [shopson@mscok.edu](mailto:shopson@mscok.edu), or fax: 580-387-7179, to attention Gunsmithing Department.

All official transcripts should be sent to MSC Registrar's Office with a request that a copy be sent to the Gunsmithing Department. The cover letter with short biography and employment history (back 5 years) must be sent with application. Please send your application in early, for this is a very popular program. Please specify which year you are applying for. All classes start in the fall of each year and the students will be chosen in April/May/June of each year. Acceptance is not first come, first serve. Each student is chosen on their own merit.

Some examples of employment opportunities for our gunsmithing graduates are: firearms sales, owner/manager of gunsmith shop, gunsmith for firearms manufacturer and gun shops, specialist in custom built firearms, military and law enforcement armorers, and factory service representatives.

The students visit several different firearm manufacturers as well as various gun shows during their education at MSC. They also have the opportunity to receive further training on our campus from firearm manufactures; thereby obtaining additional certifications. In addition, various types of manufacturing industries find our graduates very employable as machinists because of the skills they develop in the gunsmithing labs.

You will find degree requirements in this package and the **catalog** at our website ([www.mscok.edu](http://www.mscok.edu)). Also follow us on our face book page at (Murray State College Gunsmithing Program).

Thank you for your interest in our program, please contact the Gunsmithing Department with any questions you may have.

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