

About SC Future Makers

Common questions about the SC Future Makers initiative and STEM Premier.

What is the SC Future Makers initiative?

SC Future Makers is a statewide campaign, powered by STEM Premier, that aims to **connect** the next generation of students in South Carolina to the opportunities, both educational and career-based, in advanced manufacturing and beyond. The South Carolina Manufacturing Education Foundation (a division of the SC Manufacturers Alliance), in partnership with STEM Premier, is leading the initiative.

What is STEM Premier?

STEM Premier is a free online platform that connects students, ages 13+, to colleges, companies, and organizations looking to connect with the next generation of talent in the STEM fields and more. Students sign up, build digital portfolios showcasing their skills and talents, and get directly connected to opportunities in higher education and the workforce. It's a virtual hub that brings everyone together.

How will SC Future Makers work?

The initiative is two-fold:

1. SCMA has created a comprehensive marketing campaign centered around a website and a series of educational videos featuring young people currently involved in apprenticeships and careers within South Carolina-based manufacturing companies. Website visitors will learn about the manufacturing industry, engage in career exploration, and be invited to join STEM Premier to connect with the opportunities.
2. A number of school districts, technical schools, colleges, and companies across the state are currently participating, and create regional hubs of virtual connectivity. The goal is to allow regional educational institutions and industries to view student profiles and connect with emerging regional talent on STEM Premier, as well as showcase opportunities within their organizations.

What is the goal of SC Future Makers?

The goal of the SC Future Makers initiative is to expose and connect the next generation in the state of South Carolina to all of the opportunities it has to offer, close the STEM skills gap, and ultimately retain talent for future economic development and regional prosperity.