

GRAY LORUSSO

Pipe and structural welder. Stick, TIG, combo. 6G certified.

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Will travel anywhere in the lower 48. Available now.

SUMMARY

Western Welding Academy graduate (2026) with six CWI-certified test passes: 2" XXH stick pipe, carbon combo, carbon and stainless TIG, 6" downhill pipeline, and 3/8" open-root plate. Six weeks of turbine welding on a 7/12 schedule at U.S. Steel Gary Works. Own hood, leathers, grinder, and hand tools. OSHA-10, First Aid and CPR. Clean record, drug free. Will take a helper slot and weld out when the foreman calls it.

CERTIFICATIONS AND WELD TESTS

TEST	PROCESS AND FILLER	POSITION	BASE METAL	CODE	DATE	RESULT
Carbon Combo 2" XXH	GTAW root, SMAW fill/cap. ER70S-6 root, E7018 fill/cap	6G uphill	A106 Gr B 2.375" x .436" (XXH)	ASME IX	Feb 2026	Passed
Stick Pipe 2" XXH	SMAW, root to cap. E6010 root, E7018 fill/cap	6G uphill	A106 Gr B 2.375" x .436" (XXH)	ASME IX	Feb 2026	Passed
Carbon TIG Out 2" XH	GTAW, root to cap. ER70S-6	6G uphill	A106 Gr B 2.375" x .218" (XH)	ASME IX	Feb 2026	Passed
Stainless TIG Out 2" XH	GTAW out, purged. ER308L	6G uphill	A106 Gr B 2.375" x .218" (XH)	ASME IX	Apr 2026	Passed
Downhill 6" Pipeline	SMAW, E6010 / E7010	6G downhill	A106 Gr B 6.625" x .280"	API 1104	Apr 2026	Passed
Plate 3/8" No Backing	SMAW, open root. E6010 root, E7018 fill/cap	3G / 4G uphill	A36 3/8" plate	AWS D1.1	Feb 2026	Passed
OSHA-10, First Aid and CPR						Current

All weld tests visually inspected, bend tested, and certified by Nathaniel V. Farnsworth, AWS CWI no. 25107011, at Western Welding Academy, Gillette, WY. Scanned test records at graylorusso.com. References from WWA instructors and U.S. Steel outage supervision on request.

EXPERIENCE

U.S. Steel, Gary Works, Gary, IN

2026, six weeks

Welder, turbine outage. 7/12s. \$55 an hour plus \$100 a day per diem.

- Turbine welding during a plant outage at an integrated steel mill
- Seven 12-hour shifts a week for six weeks, no missed days
- Worked under journeymen on a production schedule with inspection sign-off

Western Welding Academy, Gillette, WY

2025 to 2026

Expert Course graduate, seven-month immersive pipe program

- Six 6G and plate qualifications on stick, TIG, combo, and downhill, all CWI certified. About 1,100 arc hours on carbon and stainless.
- Fit-up, layout, bevel prep, purging, and fabrication. OSHA-10, First Aid and CPR.

Dynamic Auto Tune, Charlotte, NC

Jun to Oct 2021

Welder and shop hand

- Welding and fabrication for custom vehicle work in a high-volume shop: fit-up, tacking, grinding, material prep

Lucky Lou's, Autobell Car Wash, Moonlight Catering, Take 5 Oil Change, Charlotte, NC

2020 to 2025

Server, team leader and cashier, catering, technician

- Promoted to team leader at Autobell inside six months. Five years of long shifts and showing up on time, starting at 16.

EDUCATION

Western Welding Academy, Expert Course

Gillette, WY. Graduated April 2026. SMAW, GTAW, pipe, fabrication, pipeline.

East Mecklenburg High School

Charlotte, NC. Diploma 2024. Full automotive program.

Appalachian State University

Boone, NC. One semester, 2024.

SKILLS AND KIT

SMAW (6010, 7010, 7018), GTAW carbon and stainless, combo, 6G all position, downhill pipeline, open root, argon purge, fit-up, layout, bevel prep, grinding, blueprint reading, jobsite safety. Own auto-dark hood, leathers, 4 1/2" grinder, and fitter hand tools. Reliable transportation.