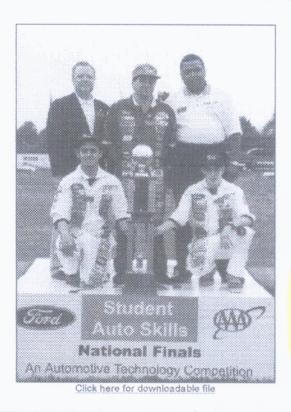


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Argentina

There are no figures available about the actual numbers regarding auto tech shortages, but training programs for technicians are poorly funded and they operate independently of each other, the government and auto manufactures. Most of Argentina's auto repair workers actually learn their trade from a parent or an auto-repair boss. As a result, few of Argentina's techs enter the field with a working knowledge of new technologies or any degree of specialization. The high school training programs that do exist are general and programs at industrial high schools are "old fashioned" at best. The team's training, transportation and entry into this year's competition was financed by Cise Electronica, an Argentinean training center. They hope, through their support of the team, that they can generate some much-needed interest in and support for specialized training programs and funding in Argentina.

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