



Union Plus® Education Foundation Union Plus Scholarship Program Application

Application Deadline: **Postmarked** by January 31, 2011

Applicant's Last Name	
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Enter your last name in the box to the right. Information must be filled out by applicant.
Read all instructions carefully before completing. Please type or print clearly.

<p>Personal Information</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Home Address _____</p> <p>City, State _____</p> <p>Zipcode _____</p> <p>_____ (_____) _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female</p> <p>Are you a union member? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>If yes, what is your International/National Union Name? _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(example: OPEIU)</i></p> <p>Local # _____ Member Since _____</p>	<p>Union Affiliation</p> <p>Name in your family is a union member? Check all that apply.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Spouse Name _____ Union Name _____ Local Union # _____ Member Since _____</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Father Name _____ Union Name _____ Local Union # _____ Member Since _____</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mother Name _____ Union Name _____ Local Union # _____ Member Since _____</p> <p>Union member's email address: _____</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Please send me email updates about Union Plus benefits and consumer.</p>	
<p>Racial/Ethnic Information (Voluntary)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> American Indian or Alaskan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Asian or Pacific Islander</p> <p><input type="radio"/> African American</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Caucasian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hispanic</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Multi-Racial</p>	<p>By June 2011, I will have completed</p> <p><input type="radio"/> High School <input type="radio"/> 1st year college</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2nd year college <input type="radio"/> 3rd year college</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 4th year college (And will attend graduate school)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ year of graduate school</p>	<p>In the fall of 2011, I plan to attend:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Four year College or University</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Community College or Junior College</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Trade or technical school</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Graduate School</p> <p>Intended major: _____</p>

Eligibility

1. Union members, spouses, and dependent children (as defined under IRS regulations).
2. One year continuous good standing union membership (**satisfied by May 31, 2011**) with a union participating in any Union Plus program. **Member does not have to purchase any Union Plus products or participate in any Union Plus program to apply.**
3. Acceptance into an accredited college, university, community college, or technical or trade school at the time of the award. Graduate students are eligible.
4. **Awards must be used for the 2011-2012 school year. Students who complete their undergraduate and/or graduate study by June 2011 are not eligible.**

5. Applications must be **postmarked** by **January 31, 2011** in order to be considered.
 - Applicants wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their applications may send a self-addressed, **stamped postcard** along with the application.
 - Union Privilege **will not** be able to advise applicants as to the status of their applications.
 - **Only WINNERS will be sent notification on May 31, 2011.**

Award Criteria

Awards will be based on academic achievement and potential, character, leadership, social awareness, career goals and financial need. A G.P.A of 3.0 or higher is recommended. Applications will be judged by a committee of impartial post-secondary educators.

Application Instructions

1. Application must be filled out by the applicant. Please type or print clearly.
2. All requirements must be met and all information must be completed in order for the application to be considered.
3. Enclose with your application **one letter of reference sealed in a separate envelope** from a teacher or other adult who is familiar with your achievements and abilities. Instruct your reference to sign his/her name across the seal of the envelope. **Applications without sealed letters of reference included will not be considered; do not send letter of reference separately.**
4. Please do not enclose a copy of your school transcript. If you are awarded a scholarship you will be asked to furnish a copy of your latest transcript at that time.
5. Attach an essay of no more than 500 words describing your career goals, aspirations and community service. Highlight your relationship with the union and the labor movement, how it has personally affected your life, and explain why you are a good choice for a union scholarship. **Applications without essays will not be considered; do not send essays separately.**
6. The union verification form must be completed and signed by an officer of the member's local and submitted with the application. **Applications without completed union verification forms will not be considered; do not send union verification forms separately.**
7. Review and complete the application checklist and sign the certification on the last page of this application.
8. Retain a copy of the completed application for your files.

Educational Background

Name Of Institution	Location of School (City/State)	Attendance Dates (Month/Year)	Major/Field	Degree/Diploma (Month/Year)	Grade Point Average* Ex. 3.9/4.0 or 4.1/5.0	Class Rank/Class Size

* If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you will be required to verify your grade point average before receiving the award. You will be asked to supply a certified copy of your high school transcript or if you have been enrolled in a college or trade school for at least one year, a certified transcript from your school. On a 4.0 scale, a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher is recommended.

SAT or ACT Scores*

Check the box next to the test taken and enter your total score.

- SAT, total score: _____ ;
 ACT, total score: _____ ;
 GRE, total score: _____
 Tests not required for my school.

* Scholarship recipients may be required to verify test scores prior to receipt of awards.

Schools to which you have applied:

Check if Accepted

- First Choice _____ Location: _____
 2nd Choice _____ Location: _____
 3rd Choice _____ Location: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Essay

Note: when we review your application, the essay can account for up to half your total score. The quality and relevance of your essay will be one of the top determining factors for earning this scholarship award. (Please do not repeat the same information you are providing under the Employment/Awards/Activities section below.)

Please submit an essay of 500 words or less outlining your career goals, aspirations and community service. Describe your relationship with the union and the labor movement, how it has personally affected your life, and explain why you believe you are a good choice for a union scholarship.

Estimated Financial Need

- ▶ List the total anticipated amount you will need for the year. Include the cost of tuition and expenses such as books, transportation and housing. \$ _____
 - ▶ Provide an estimate of the anticipated amounts and sources of financial aid that you expect to receive (scholarships provided by your school, government grant or aid programs, etc.)
- Source: _____ \$ _____
Source: _____ \$ _____
Source: _____ \$ _____

We understand that in some cases you cannot be sure of final amounts, therefore simply make your best estimate.

Please provide any additional information that you believe would be helpful to the Scholarship Committee in assessing your personal or financial need.

Employment/Awards/Activities—Attach additional sheets if needed.

Employment: Please provide information on any employment you have held.

Awards: Please provide information on any special honors or awards you have received.

Activities: Please provide information on extracurricular activities (volunteer work, sports, clubs) in which you have participated on a consistent basis. **Highlight any leadership positions** you have held.

Letter of Reference

Please include one sealed recommendation letter from a teacher or other adult who is familiar with your achievements and abilities. Instruct your reference to sign his/her name across the seal of the envelope. **Applications without sealed letters of reference included will not be considered.**

Union Membership Verification Form

This form must be completed by the applicant, verified by a union shop steward or local union representative, and submitted together with the application in order to qualify for a Union Plus Scholarship. **The Scholarship Committee is not able to help in verifying your union membership. If you cannot obtain verification from your local union, please contact your International/National union.**

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____
(Please type or print clearly)

Union Member Verification:

I _____ verify that I have been a member in good standing of
Name of union member _____
_____ local # _____ since _____
Name of National/International Union _____

Signature of union member _____ Date _____

Shop Steward or Local Union Representative Verification:

Attention Shop Steward or Local Union Representative:

This form is a required part of the Union Plus Scholarship application package. Please complete it promptly and return it to the applicant for submission. **Applications without this completed form will not be considered.**

I verify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of shop steward or local union representative _____ Date _____

Print name of shop steward or local union representative _____ Daytime phone number _____

Address of Local:

Local President's name _____ Daytime phone number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that all of the information I have included in and with my application is true. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be required to submit further proof of my union membership or my relationship to a union member and of my acceptance to or enrollment in an accredited college, community college, university or recognized trade school. Further, I understand that official verification will be required of my attained grades and test scores. I understand that if I am selected for an award, official verification will be required of my completion of the course(s) on which the award is based. I agree that if I am selected for an award, my name, photograph, and/or essay may be used for publicity purposes with no additional compensation by the sponsors of this scholarship program. I also certify that I have read and understand the information above.

Signature

Date

Union Plus Education Foundation
c/o Union Privilege
P.O. Box 34800
Washington, DC 20043-4800

The Union Plus Education Foundation Scholarship Program is sponsored in part by Union Privilege. Union Privilege supports a range of membership services, including the Union Plus Education Services Program, which provides information about scholarships, loans, planning tools and financial aid counseling. Information about the Education Services Program may be found at www.UnionPlus.org/Education.

Important Information

- When submitting your application, include your **sealed** letter of reference, your essay and your signed union verification form. **Applications without this information will not be considered.**
- If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your application, send a self-addressed, **stamped postcard** along with the application. **Please do not send your application with a post office Return Receipt.**
- The Union Plus Scholarship Program cannot provide any information on the status of the applications. **Please do not call.**
- **Only scholarship recipients will be notified.** A list of scholarship recipients will also be provided to international unions. All notifications will be sent on **May 31, 2011**, and any recipients not heard from in 30 days will be contacted by telephone.
- Note: Please **do not** enclose a copy of your school transcript.
- Applications **must** be signed in order to be considered.

Checklist & Certification

Use this checklist to complete your application. All materials must be submitted with this application. **Materials sent separately will not be considered. Your qualifications will not be considered if it is incomplete.**

- **Complete all sections** of the application.
- **Letter of Reference.** One **sealed** recommendation letter. Instruct your reference to sign his/her name across the seal of the envelope. **Send the letter with the application.**
- **Essay.** The essay must be sent with the application in order to be considered.
- **Union verification form.** Verification form must be sent with the application in order to be considered.
- **Return receipt postcard** (only if you want confirmation that your application was received).
- Enter your **last name** in the top right corner box on the front of the application.
- **Review and sign the application** on the certification page.
- Retain a copy of the completed application for your files.

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