

# Union Plus Scholarship Program

**\$500—\$4,000**

**January 31, 2012 DEADLINE**

## **Eligibility:**

- Current and retired members of participating unions, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations). At least one year of continuous union membership by the applicant, applicant's spouse or parent (if applicant is a dependent). The one year membership minimum must be satisfied by May 31, 2012.
- Participating union members from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada are eligible. But students must attend an accredited school within the United States.
- The applicant must be accepted into a U.S. accredited college or university, community college or technical or trade school at the time the award is issued. Awards must be used for the 2012 – 2013 school year.
- Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

## **Required Items and Essay:**

- **One letter of reference** from a teacher or other adult who is familiar with your achievements and abilities.
- **An essay of approximately 500 words** 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.
- **Union information.** National or international union name, local union number, local union's address, phone number and the name of the local union President or Business Manager. You need this information for your union, your spouse's union or your parent's union (if you are a dependent). If you or your family members are affiliated with multiple unions you must list this information for all.

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## **Evaluation Criteria:**

This is a competitive scholarship. Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended. The required essay can account for up to half your total score. Scholarship applicants are judged by a committee of impartial post-secondary educators.

## **Complete your application at:**

<https://unionplusscholars.communityforce.com/Default.aspx>