



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 15, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 15G & 15H

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Local 15 Scholarship Applications are now available for distribution to **children** of members of Local 15, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 15G and 15H **ONLY**. (Grandchildren, nieces/nephews, etc. are **not** eligible.) *If you have a stepchild, they are eligible if they are listed as dependents with the Welfare Fund.* Eligible applicants are those individuals who have completed their **senior year of high school** or **first year of college** as of June 30, 2025, only.

Last year we were able to give out sixteen (16) Scholarships – eight (8) Scholarships for sons of members and eight (8) Scholarships for daughters of members. There is a \$5,000.00 one-time payment per Scholarship paid to the recipients upon confirmation of college attendance in the form of a current tuition bill.

Each application must be accompanied by a 500-word essay. The use of AI tools in the creation of this essay is strictly prohibited. Submissions identified as utilizing AI generated content will be disqualified without exception.

THIS YEAR THE TOPIC IS:

Why do you believe unions are essential to protecting working families and communities, and how does that belief influence your goals?

Essays will be read by various professionals in the construction industry. A determination will then be made as to the winners based on various criteria with the onus being on the written essay. **No letters of recommendation are necessary when submitting this application.** Applications must be received in the Union Office with a **postmark dated no later than November 17th**. Winners will be notified in writing no later than December 15th and the scholarships will be distributed at our January Membership Meeting. At this time, due to the increasing Covid positivity rates, winners need not be present at this meeting to receive the scholarship money. However, if in the interim this situation changes, winners will be notified.

All those who have a child who have entered either their Freshman or Sophomore year of college this Fall and need an application, please contact the union office at (212) 929-5327.

Faternally yours,

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