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, 2026, 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:

Throughout history, labor unions have fought to improve wages, benefits, workplace safety and workers' rights. What do you believe is the most important challenge facing working families today, and how can labor unions help address?

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 20th**. The winners will be notified in writing. Scholarship checks will be distributed only upon receipt of an official bill or invoice from the student's college or university. No scholarship payment will be issued without official documentation.

Fraternally yours,

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