



Scholarships

It is with great pleasure that we announce the **2026 Irving Flaumenbaum Memorial Scholarship Program**.

Applications for CSEA's 2026 statewide scholarships are now available for download.

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Graduating high school seniors who are dependents of CSEA active members are eligible to apply for and potentially receive one of our union's statewide college scholarships. CSEA awards 18 \$1,000 scholarships under the **Irving Flaumenbaum Memorial Scholarship program**. **Pearl Insurance** and **MetLife** each sponsor a one-time \$2,500 award.

Applications for 2026 scholarships are now available on this page for download. Filing for a **Flaumenbaum Scholarship automatically puts an applicant in consideration for the Pearl Insurance and MetLife Scholarships**.

The filing deadline is **May 1, 2026**.

[Download the 2026 CSEA scholarship application](#)

PLEASE NOTE: Old applications could disqualify potential candidates. Please do not use applications from previous years – applications were recently revised.

Thomas H. McDonough Scholarship

Irving Flaumenbaum Memorial Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for the Thomas H. McDonough Scholarship. Applications are automatically mailed to eligible students in late August. For more information, call 1-800-342-4146.

See the 2026 McDonough Scholarship recipients

J.J. KELLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP NEW THIS YEAR

CSEA has opened this scholarship to active members and their eligible dependent children going to a college, trade school or any post-secondary education program. This scholarship will help students who show leadership qualities in their community, school or union with the rising cost of tuition.

BRIEF HISTORY

This fund was originally created in 1962 when a young attorney, John J. Kelly Jr. died unexpectedly and left behind a widow and five young children. The Trust was designed to assist in the Kelly children's education. In 1984, when the primary purpose of the trust fund was satisfied under the terms of the Trust Agreement, a separate Scholarship Committee was formed. As a result, the J.J. Kelly Memorial Scholarship Committee was established. For more information on applying for this scholarship, contact CSEA at 1-800-342-4146. The application deadline is April 15 of the calendar year in which it will be awarded.

[Download the 2026 J.J. Kelly Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

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