

# USAWRI Scholarship Fund Information

## Instructions for filing:

All information requested must be supplied by the applicant.  
Any forms requiring signatures must be signed.

## Applications must include:

Required statement legibly written or typed.  
Application form completed and signed.

## Applicants must submit the completed application form and statement to:

USAWRI Scholarship Committee  
90 Printery St.  
Providence, RI 02904

**Applications and material submitted will be treated as confidential.**

**The deadline for applying is Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m.**

- Apply by May 15, 2024.
- Applications will be reviewed and applicants notified by June 15, 2024.
- Awards will be made at the July union meeting for the next academic year, but alternate arrangements may be made if necessary.

## Rules, Regulations & Qualifications

- Applicants must be USAWRI members or immediate family members.
- Scholarship winner(s) must be enrolled in a degree-granting institution and credit classes, **and the award may be used only for post-secondary education at a community college, college, university, or accredited trade school.** *(A rule change to specify schools approved in April 2016)*
- Scholarship winner(s) must be enrolled at least half-time.
- Scholarship winner(s) must be USAWRI members or immediate family members at the time of award. *(A rule change to prohibit previous scholarship winners from entering and winning again approved in November, 2010)*
- Checks will be made payable to the individual.
- Please note: We will be publicizing the winners of the scholarships.

## Process for Decision Making

- A committee of at least three USAWRI members will choose the winner(s) of the scholarship. *(A rule change to eliminate "Executive Board Members" was approved in April 2016)*
- The statement will be judged based on form and content. *(Applicants, please review the criteria attached)*
- There will be up to four \$1,000 scholarships awarded *(A rule change to increase from three scholarships to four scholarships was approved on 2-3-15).*
- If the Scholarship Committee decides that one of the essays received in a given year is exceptional, at its discretion, it may award a Daniel Paiva USAWRI Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. *(A rule change to establish a named scholarship was approved on 4-25-2017)*

# USAWRI Scholarship Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about this scholarship?**

**List the school or schools to which you have applied or have been accepted.**

\_\_\_\_\_  Applied  Accepted  
\_\_\_\_\_  Applied  Accepted  
\_\_\_\_\_  Applied  Accepted

**Briefly describe your educational goals.**

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**List any extracurricular and/or community activities you have been involved in.**

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Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED STATEMENT

**How would this union scholarship help you to achieve your educational goals? Please also be sure to state your relationship to the union. (250 - 500 words)**

***Verification of Eligibility (must be completed by USAWRI member)***

USAWRI member's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Department \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Relation to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Statements will be considered on the following criteria:**

- Does the writer completely answer the topic of the statement?
- Does it directly relate to the writer's life or experience?
- Is the statement well organized and easy to read?
- Does it pertain to the topic and is it the correct length?
- The statement may be printed or neatly handwritten and should demonstrate the writer's sincerity and understanding, whatever their degree of writing ability.
- Consideration may also be given to the writer's background information on the application: extracurricular activities, organizations, public service projects, etc.

***We hope that these minimum requirements encourage more scholarship applicants to participate. We also hope that through their participation they develop a better understanding of the impact that being a member of a union household has on their family and circumstances and how the scholarship will help them to achieve their educational goals.***



## USAWRI Mark Baumer Scholarship Criteria for a \$1,000 Scholarship

Requirements for applicants for the USAWRI Mark Baumer Scholarship Award:

1. Involvement in progressive labor, community, environmental or political activism;
2. Submit resume or short statement explaining the applicant's work in one or more of the above areas of progressive activism;
3. Provide three (3) references who can attest to the applicant's activist work;
4. Must have completed secondary school or have earned a GED, but there is no upper age limit on winning the Scholarship;
5. Open to all USAWRI members and their children, RI residents and students attending school in RI;
6. Must use the Scholarship award to attend an accredited educational institution, but courses taken do not have to be part of a degree program.

Candidates will be evaluated on:

1. Most demonstrated involvement in progressive labor, community, environmental or political activism;
2. Involvement that most closely represents the spirit of Mark Baumer's work, who as a USAWRI member, steward and organizing committee member and/or as a community activist, most notably with the Fang Collective.

The reviewing committee will give added weight to applications for scholarships to pay tuition at institutions whose employees USAWRI represents.

If in any given year, no applicant wins the USAWRI Mark Baumer Scholarship based on the above criteria, the Scholarship may be awarded according to the application criteria for other USAWRI Scholarships, and in that case, determination of the winner will be made by the scholarship committee reviewing the applications for those other scholarships.

Applications for the USAWRI Mark Baumer Scholarship, like the other USAWRI Scholarships, will be accepted by May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.