



Coalition of Black Trade Unionists

2025-2026

Leonard Ball ♦ James R. Bell ♦ Ronald Reliford Undergraduate Scholarship Application

This application will be used by the CBTU Scholarship Awards Committee to assist in the selection of endowment scholarship recipients. Only Undergraduate and Trade School students are eligible to apply. Trade students enrolled in a union paid apprenticeship program or similar union paid program to further their education are not eligible for CBTU International union scholarships. Qualifying students must meet the minimum requirements listed below to be eligible.

Ten recipients will receive a maximum of \$2,000 each; the recipients **will be announced at the Awards Banquet on 05/25/25.**

**FAILURE TO FULLY COMPLETE, INITIAL WHERE INDICATED AND SIGN
THIS APPLICATION WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY YOU AS A POTENTIAL RECIPIENT**

Please initial each criterion to verify that you understand and have reviewed each qualification requirement. Failure to do so will disqualify your application.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

INITIAL ALL

____ **DEADLINE April 11, 2025.** Please submit a complete Undergraduate Scholarship Application, an official copy of SAT or ACT scores, an **unofficial internet school transcript of last grades and** a photograph. Current College students do not need to submit ACT/SAT scores. To ensure a fair process, **NO EXTENSIONS** will be granted. The deadline date is the U.S. Postal date stamp indicated above. Please affix your name and home address to the back of the photograph. **Faxed submissions will not be accepted.** **Application and other requested materials should be mailed to CBTU: Attention: Scholarship Awards Committee, Post Office Box 66268, Washington, DC 20035**

ENROLLMENT

- ____ **High School Students** must have written evidence of acceptance to an accredited college/university for the **2025** Fall session.
- ____ **Current College Students** must have proof of a "C" average or above.
- ____ Please attach a copy of your institution's rating system to clarify any numbered grade.
- ____ Trade school (Apprenticeship) students must have written evidence of acceptance to, or current enrollment in, an accredited trade school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ____ Must have at least three letters of recommendation from people other than relatives, dated and addressed to the CBTU Scholarship Awards Committee. **(Repeat applicants must send new recommendations each year. You may not use letters from previous years.)**

CBTU SPONSOR

- ____ Provide the name, relationship, **signature**, and contact number of the CBTU member who is the Sponsor of the scholarship applicant to the Scholarship Awards Committee. **The sponsor must be a current dues paying member recorded in the International CBTU Office by May 2nd, 2025.**

ESSAY

- ____ Must submit a typewritten essay of no less than 300 words.
- ____ **Entering Freshman year essay subject:** "Why Should Young People Get Involved in Politics? "
- ____ **Entering Sophomore year essay subject:** "Leadership and Services, What Does it Mean? "
- ____ **Entering Junior year essay subject:** "Valuing Our Vote"
- ____ **Entering Senior year essay subject:** "A College Education, Provides Me Choices "
- ____ **Qualified Trades Applicants may pick from one of the following subjects:** "Why Should Young People Who Don't Attend College Learn a Trade." or "Why Should Young People in Labor be Civically Engaged?"
- ____ Essays will be judged on content, grammar, sentence structure and punctuation. **(Please note, "I", "to", "a" will not be considered words for the purpose of the word count of 300.)**

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application and supporting materials are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

APPLICATION

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Scholarship Application for 2025-2026

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Legal Name _____
Last First Middle

2. Address where you can be reached for notification of awards in June/July 2025:

Street City State /Province Zip/Postal

3. Permanent Address:

Street City State/Province Zip/Postal

4. Current Phone Number (____) _____ Alternate Contact (____) _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1. College/University _____

(Acceptance to an accredited college or university is a qualification requirement)

2. Current Major and/or Pre-Professional Program _____

3. Minor (if applicable) _____

A. Submit a list of significant accomplishments, awards, scholarships and or honors received. (Please attach).

B. Submit a list of significant offices held, and/or involvement in work, volunteer, and community service activities.

(Please attach).

SPONSOR INFORMATION

1. Name _____

2. Relationship _____

3. Contact Number _____

4. Signature _____

5. Chapter _____ Union _____

To **receive your award**, Email to attention rsimpkins@cbtu.org or mail verification of actual enrollment to the office of Coalition of Black Trade Unionists – ATTN: **Scholarship Awards Committee, Post Office Box 66268, Washington DC 20035** **WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER SCHOOL RESTARTS**