

OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

2024 - HOWARD COUGHLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY:

AN APPLICANT MUST BE:

- A member or an associate member of OPEIU in good standing up until date of endorsement by Local Union President/Secretary-Treasurer.
- The son, daughter, stepchild or legally adopted child of an OPEIU member in good standing or an associate member.
- A High School senior or High School graduate entering a College, University or a recognized Technical or Vocational Post-Secondary School as a full-time or part-time student.
- Presently enrolled in an undergraduate degree at a College, University, or a recognized Technical or Vocational Post-Secondary school as a full-time or part-time student.

FULL-TIME SCHOLARSHIPS:

Twelve **(12)** full-time scholarships will be awarded on the basis of **at least one (1) per region**. Applications are open to members in good standing, associate members, and their children, all of whom must meet the eligibility requirements and comply with the Rules and Regulations as established by the OPEIU Executive Board. Each scholarship award shall be granted with a payment of \$1,625.00 for each year of higher education with a maximum value of \$6,500.00, pending proof of enrollment.

PART-TIME SCHOLARSHIPS:

Eight **(8)** part-time scholarships will be awarded on the basis of **at least one (1) per region**. Part-time scholarships were implemented in order to reach a greater number of members, as full-time scholarships are generally awarded to children of members. Applications are open to members in good standing, associate members, or to their children, all of whom must meet the eligibility requirements and comply with the Rules and Regulations as established by the OPEIU Executive Board. Each scholarship award shall be granted with a payment of \$662.50 for each year of part-time higher education with a maximum value of \$2,650.00, pending proof of enrollment.

Part-time scholarships are defined as a minimum of three (3) credits and no more than two (2) courses. If a part-time student does not attend a college/university each semester, they have two (2) years maximum to use the part-time scholarship.

If the student becomes a full-time student, while receiving a part-time student scholarship, the scholarship will be revoked, and they will be able to reapply for a full-time scholarship.

Part-time scholarship awards shall be subject to all other eligibility rules under this scholarship.

PROCEDURES:

- Each applicant must file an official OPEIU scholarship application **with their local union.**
- **Application forms must be endorsed by the Local Union President or Secretary-Treasurer** attesting that a member, a parent or guardian of an applicant, or an associate member has been in good standing for 12 months on the date of the application. Membership status will be checked again on the date of the awards. Such endorsement must be obtained **BEFORE** the application is submitted to the International Secretary-Treasurer's Office.

FORMS:

Application forms may be obtained:

- from your Local Union office or
- on our web site at www.opeiu.org - once logged into the site, click on OPEIU Member Resources/OPEIU Membership Benefits link.

REQUIREMENTS:

All applications must be signed by the member's Local Union President or Secretary Treasurer before submittal to the International Secretary-Treasurer's Office. Incomplete applications will be returned to the local union office.

APPLICATION:

All completed applications are due in the International Secretary-Treasurer's Office no later than **March 29, 2024.**

SELECTION OF WINNERS:

- All applications will be entered into a drawing and winners will be selected by region.
- All applicants will be notified by email at the end of June:
 - Scholarship winners will receive a certificate and forms for completion by email.
 - Applicants who have not been selected for an award will be notified by email to the email address provided on the application.

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What College, University, Technical, or Vocational School do you plan to attend?

First Choice: _____ Location: _____

Second Choice: _____ Location: _____

Third Choice: _____ Location: _____

Have you been accepted by a College, University, Technical, or Vocational School, as of this date?

Yes _____ No _____

What is the anticipated graduation date, (month/year)? _____

If you answered yes, at what College, University, Technical, or Vocational School were, you accepted?

STOP – PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE A LOCAL UNION OFFICER SIGN THIS APPLICATION BEFORE SUBMITTING IT

Signature of Local Union President or Secretary-Treasurer:

I hereby certify that this member/associate has been a member in good standing for 12 months.

(Signature) Date: _____

(Print Name and Title of Signing Officer) Local Union Number: _____

If selected for this scholarship, I fully agree to adhere to the rules that have been established by the Scholarship Committee of the OPEIU Howard Coughlin Memorial Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Application forms **must be endorsed by the Local Union President or Secretary-Treasurer** attesting that a member, a parent or guardian of an applicant, or an associate member is in good standing up until date of endorsement. Such endorsement must be obtained **before** the application is submitted. Winners' membership status will be checked again at the time of the award.

EMAIL COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION TO:
Howard Coughlin Memorial Scholarship
Email: stoffice@opeiu.org