

POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS 2017

We have the education of Steelworker families at heart!

Because we know that education is at the heart of success and obtaining good jobs, every year, the United Steelworkers distribute 21 scholarships of \$1,000 each to qualified secondary students across Canada, to be distributed as follows :

District 3: 5 Scholarships (Western Provinces)
District 5: 6 Scholarships (Quebec)
District 6: 2 Scholarships (Atlantic Region)
District 6: 6 Scholarships (Ontario)
National Locals: 2 Scholarships

These scholarships are intended to support Steelworker members who spend many years saving to allow their children to pursue post-secondary education.

Eligibility:

- 1) The scholarships shall be awarded to members of the United Steelworkers in good standing, or their children, who are completing high school and starting post-secondary studies this year. "Children" include biological or birth children, children by adoption, and children by other, equivalent relationship.
- 2) Applicants who have previously won a USW Post-Secondary Scholarship are **NOT** eligible to win again.
- 3) Applicants who have already begun their post-secondary studies are **NOT** eligible for this award.

To apply:

- 1) Each applicant must complete an application form, which may be obtained from:
 - The office of the district director
 - The regional representative of the United Steelworkers in their community
 - The USW web site at **www.usw.ca**
- 2) Applicants must also submit three additional documents:
 - a. Proof of acceptance to an approved institution of higher education, such as university, technological institute, nursing school, etc.
 - b. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or principal.
 - c. An original essay, typed and double-spaced on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, in either French or English, of approximately **1,000** words dealing with one of the following topics:

- **What is the “union advantage”?** Your essay should examine what difference being a member of a union can make. You might want to interview your parent or guardian about the role of the Steelworkers in their workplace and what difference the Union has made in their lives. What areas or issues could the Union better address to organize and engage younger workers in the workplaces of today? What advice would you give to the Steelworker leadership about how to respond to efforts that make it more difficult to organize unions?

- **Is there a role for unions today?** Your essay should examine what role unions play in today’s society, and what kind of difference being a member of a union can make. You might want to interview your parent or guardian about the history of the Steelworkers in their workplace and what difference the Union has made in their lives. What areas or issues could the Union better address in the workplaces of today? How can the union build the support of members and their families?

- **Your vote is your say:** If democracy is so important to us, why aren’t more people voting in elections? Discuss in your paper why politics and participation in political action is important to our democratic society. What do you think Steelworkers and others can do to help encourage young people to become politically active? What could the Union do differently or better?

Your essay must demonstrate an understanding of the United Steelworkers and of the labour movement or of social justice movements in general.

- 3) The application form and three additional documents must be received by end of day **June 30, 2017**.

Choosing winning applications:

- 1) All personal identification will be removed from essay submissions and then essays will be reviewed by a qualified judge. (Please note that any evidence of plagiarism will result in disqualification. Proper citation and accreditation is expected.)

- 2) The awarding of scholarships will be based on:
 - a. The quality of the recommendation by a teacher or principal;
 - b. The quality of the ideas discussed in the essay; and
 - c. Proof of acceptance to an institution of higher education.

- 3) Winning applicants will be asked to provide proof of enrolment before an award cheque is issued.

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APPLICATION FORM
UNITED STEELWORKERS POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 2017

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PHONE NO. (____) _____
(Day/Month/Year)

ADDRESS: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____
(Please include P.O. Box #) (City) (Prov.)

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ GRADUATION: _____
(Month/Year)

YOUR PLANS FOR FURTHER EDUCATION (use separate sheet if necessary)

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN ADDRESS: _____

MEMBER OF USW LOCAL #: _____ EMPLOYED BY: _____

LU ADDRESS: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

THIS AREA MUST BE FILLED OUT BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Recommendation of Teacher or Principal (attach letter if more space is required):

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

NOTE: APPLICATION TO BE RETURNED WITH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE TO AN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND THE 1,000 WORD ESSAY **NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2017** TO:

**EDUCATION & EQUALITY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STEELWORKERS
234 EGLINTON AVENUE EAST, 8TH FLOOR
TORONTO, ONTARIO M4P 1K7
(PHONE: 416-487-1571)**

OR BY EMAIL TO: scholarships@usw.ca

*****Please note: essays will not be returned*****

DATE SUBMITTED

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT