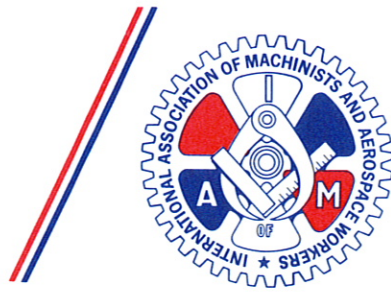


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To All TCU/IAM Chairmen Protective Committees, Local Presidents, Local Vice Presidents, Financial Secretary-Treasurers, Members Board of Trustees, Recording Secretaries, Chairmen Board of Trustees, International Representatives and Assistant International Representatives

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is with renewed enthusiasm that we are beginning another year for the IAM Scholarship Competition. Enclosed you will find the **2010 Scholarship Competition** brochure that covers the rules and regulations for IAM members and children of IAM members. In order to be able to inform members of the opportunities for themselves and their children, lodge officers are urged to read and discuss the brochure thoroughly. Please note that we now have a vocational-technical two-year scholarship available to both children of members and members. Also, at the 2004 Grand Lodge convention, the delegates voted unanimously to name one of the scholarships after Roman A. Mayfield, a 55-year member of D.L. 751, now deceased. This will be given to one of the scholarship recipients who best represents the spirit of volunteerism and the strong sense of service to their community that was a hallmark of Brother Mayfield.

I thought it important that while we advise you of the competition, I also bring you up-to-date on the financial condition of our Scholarship Program.

Since its implementation in 1960, the Scholarship Competition has continued to grow. Our financial resources were strong in the beginning and we were able to award as many as 30 scholarships each year. This past year, 2008-2009, we received 681 applications for scholarships. The fund-raiser that was held in January was a great success and permitted us to award 20 scholarships valued at \$79,000. Currently, there are 65 active awards valued at \$140,070. With your lodge's help, we will continue this program and, hopefully, refuel the funding to include awarding many more scholarships in future years.

By convention resolution the delegates determined that voluntary contributions to finance the funding be set at 50 cents per member per year. **If your lodge has not adopted this resolution or has not contributed for this year, please give it serious consideration at your next lodge meeting.** The check should be made payable to the

IAM Scholarship Program. Please include on the mailing address, Attn: Accounting Department.

Although information appears in the *IAM JOURNAL*, we count on you to make this information available on bulletin boards, at your lodge meetings and ask all stewards to inform members at their places of work. Your cooperation in this effort is very important in order to eliminate the many disappointments expressed in past years by members who learn about the Scholarship competition too late.

Official application forms, mentioned in the brochure, may be requested by eligible applicants directly from the IAM Scholarship Program's office. Please advise all applicants to use the request coupons that will be found on the inside back cover of the enclosed brochure or appearing in the *IAM JOURNAL* in the winter issue. Additionally, applications are available via internet from the IAM Scholarship web page at <http://www.goiam.org/iamscholarship> for downloading.

If you wish to order additional copies of the brochure and the coupon, please fill out the enclosed order blank and mail it to the Scholarship Program's office.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,



R. Thomas Buffenbarger
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Enclosures: 1 brochure
1 order blank
2 coupons

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