

## 2014 Union Plus® Scholarship Program

**Application Deadline: A complete application must be received before 12:00 p.m. (noon, Eastern Time) on Friday, January 31, 2014.**

Since 1992, the Union Plus Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$3.5 million to students of union families. Over 2,300 union families have benefited from our commitment to higher education.

The Union Plus Scholarship Program is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation, which is sponsored by Union Privilege. Your union membership entitles you to a family of Union Plus benefits including: [College Test Prep Discounts](#), [National Labor College Scholarships](#), [AT&T Wireless Discounts](#), [Budget Truck Rental Discounts](#) and much more. See a full list of your [Union Plus benefits here](#).

The Union Plus Education Foundation is funded in part by donations from Capital One N.A., the provider of the [Union Plus Credit Card](#). (You do **not** need to be a Union Plus Credit Card holder to apply for this scholarship.)

**Scholarship Award Amounts:** Amounts range from \$500 to \$4,000. These one-time cash awards are for study beginning in the fall of 2014. Students may re-apply each year.

**Award Date:** The Scholarship Committee will determine recipients of scholarship awards by May 31, 2014. The first week of June 2014 award recipients will be individually notified by mail. By mid-June all applicants will be sent an email with notification that the award list is posted at [UnionPlus.org/Scholarships](#). Please note that due to the volume of applications we cannot provide any information on the status of an application before award announcements are made.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- This is a competitive scholarship, and applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended.
- Current and retired members of unions participating in any Union Plus program, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations). Grandchildren are not eligible unless a legal dependent (as defined by IRS regulations). At least one year of continuous union membership by the applicant, applicant's spouse or parent (if applicant is a dependent). The one year membership minimum must be satisfied by May 31, 2014.
- Members of participating unions from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada.

- The applicant must be accepted into a U.S. accredited college or university, community college, technical or trade school at the time the award is issued. Awards must be used for the 2014 - 2015 school year.
- Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.
- Scholarship applications are judged by a committee of impartial post-secondary educators.

**Who is eligible to apply for the Union Plus Scholarship?** Current and retired members of unions that participate in any Union Plus program, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations) can apply for a Union Plus Scholarship. Grandchildren are not eligible unless a legal dependent (as defined by IRS regulations).

**I am not sure if my union is eligible, how can I check?** A list of eligible unions is provided in a drop down menu during the first part of the application form. You might also ask your local union representative or visit your local or national union's website to check if they offer Union Plus benefits. Also, a list of eligible unions is available at the [Union Plus website](#).

**Do I have to participate in a Union Plus program to be eligible?** No, you do not have to purchase any Union Plus product or participate in any Union Plus program to be eligible.

**What years of study are covered?** The scholarship applies to any year of study, from freshman year of college through the last year of graduate school, including law school and medical school. The applicant must be accepted into an accredited post-secondary school at the time the award is issued.

**What types of schools are covered?** Accredited colleges and universities; including undergraduate and graduate schools, community colleges, technical and trade schools.

**Are there geographic restrictions?** Union members (and family members) from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada are eligible. Awards apply only to those attending a U.S. accredited college, university, trade or technical school.

**What time period does the award cover?** Awards are issued in June of 2014, and apply towards the 2014 - 2015 school year. The applicant must be accepted into an accredited college or university, community college or recognized technical or trade school at the time the award is issued.

**Is the scholarship renewable?** No these are one time awards. But each year you may re-apply, and you might be selected to receive another award.

**Do you have hardcopies of this application?** No, you can only apply for the Union Plus Scholarship using this online form.

**What is the deadline for applying?** Your application must be complete and received by **12:00 p.m. (noon, Eastern Time) on Friday, January 31, 2014.**

**Will I be notified about the status of my application?** When you successfully submit your application you'll get a screen message confirming your application was received. Due to the volume of applications, we cannot provide any information on the status of an application before the award announcements are made during the first two weeks of June 2013. All applicants will be notified by email when the award list is posted at the Union Plus website by mid-June.

**How are the scholarship awards announced?** Awards are announced by mail the first two weeks of June 2014. Award recipients who do not respond are then contacted by phone. All applicants will be notified by email when the award list is posted at the Union Plus website by mid-June 2014.

**Who offers the Union Plus Scholarship?** The Union Plus Scholarship is offered by the Union Plus Education Foundation, with funding from Capital One N.A., the provider of the [Union Plus Credit Card](#). (Note, you do not need to be a Union Plus card holder to be eligible to apply). Union Plus is the branded name of benefits offered by Union Privilege. Union Privilege is the organization behind the Union Plus programs. The AFL-CIO created Union Privilege in 1986 to provide union members and their families with valuable consumer benefits. By using the collective buying power of unions, we are able to offer valuable, discounted products and services exclusively to working families.