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VIA E-MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

To: All IBEW Local Unions in the United States and Canada

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Please be advised that the IBEW Founders' Scholarship is available to IBEW members who have been in continuous good standing for the four years preceding May 1st of the scholarship year. If a member has been on honorary withdrawal, at any time during the aforementioned period, he/she will not be eligible to participate.

Unfortunately, the IBEW Founders' Scholarship is not available to the spouses or children of IBEW members. However, Union Plus has a scholarship that is available for IBEW members, as well as members' spouses and dependent children (as defined under IRS Regulations). The Union Plus Scholarship is available to members of participating unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO. For more information on the Union Plus Scholarship, you can visit the Union Plus Website, at www.unionplus.org.

For your convenience, I have enclosed one copy of IBEW Form 172, IBEW Founders' Scholarship Application which you can reproduce as often as necessary. And, you can also visit the IBEW Website www.ibew.org, for more information along with a printable application.

The IBEW Founders' Scholarship Program is a valuable benefit and your encouraging the local union membership to apply would be appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Edwin D. Hill
International President

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Enclosure
Copies to All International Vice Presidents
All International Representatives

**APPLICATION
IBEW® FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDED ONLY TO IBEW MEMBERS**

Name _____ Home telephone # (____) _____
(Please print or type)

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip/Postal _____

SS/SIN # _____ Birthdate _____ Member of local # _____

Card # _____ Initiated into IBEW _____
(On IBEW Journal Address Label or Dues Receipt) (Month/Year)

Most recent employer _____

Job classification _____ Work telephone # (____) _____

I wish to study for a _____ degree in _____
(Note: Field of study must contribute to the development and improvement of the electrical industry as determined by the Founders' Scholarship Administrator.)

List your first and second choices for college:

1 _____ 2 _____

Did you complete high school or the GED? Y____ N____
(Send transcripts or other evidence to the Scholarship Committee.)

Did you have the opportunity to take apprenticeship or skill improvement training? Y____ N____
(Send transcripts of your courses to the Scholarship Committee.)

Do you have any education certificates or professional licenses? Y____ N____
(Send evidence to the Scholarship Committee.)

Have you taken any college courses? Y____ N____
(Send transcripts of all college courses to the Scholarship Committee.)

Name used on class records _____

When did you take the SAT I or the ACT? (Month/Year) _____
(To submit new test scores, it is strongly suggested that you take the SAT I. We will use your highest score; therefore, it is in your best interest to retake the test.)

My signature is evidence that I understand and agree to all the rules governing the scholarship as listed on the back of this application.

(Signature) (Date)

Mail application materials postmarked prior to **May 1** to:
IBEW FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
900 Seventh Street, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

The IBEW Founders' Scholarships honor the dedicated wiremen and linemen who, on November 28, 1891, organized the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Each year the officers of the IBEW are pleased to offer its working members scholarships on a competitive basis. It is hoped that the awards will not only contribute to the personal development of our members but also steward the electrical industry that our founders envisioned.

This award is for \$200 per semester credit hour at any accredited college or university toward an associate's, bachelor's, or post-graduate degree in an approved field. The maximum distribution is \$24,000 over a period not to exceed eight years.

CHECKLIST FOR ELIGIBILITY

Founders' Scholarship competition is an adult program, to be used solely by IBEW members. It is **NOT** for the children of members.

- 1. Applicants must have been in continuous good standing and have paid dues without an honorary withdrawal for the **four** years preceding May 1 of the scholarship year, or be charter members of a local union.
- 2. Each applicant must be recommended in writing by the local union business manager. If there is no office of business manager, then the recommendation must come from the local union president, system council chairman or general chairman.
- 3. At least two additional letters of recommendation must be sent by individuals testifying to the attributes of the applicant.
- 4. Copies of all academic transcripts from high school, college, apprenticeship, or other educational and developmental programs must be submitted.
- 5. A complete personal résumé is required. The résumé should outline education and work history; military service; and involvement in union, local, civic, community and religious activities.
- 6. Applicants are required to submit a 250-500 word essay. The title and topic must be: "How I Will Use My Founders' Scholarship to Benefit the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Electrical Industry." The essay must be typewritten and double-spaced.
- 7. Applicants must submit a test score from the SAT I or the ACT. **NO OTHER TESTING SERVICES ARE ACCEPTABLE.** Archived scores or new test registration may be obtained by contacting: SAT (609) 771-7070, www.collegeboard.org, SAT Program, Box 6720, Princeton, NJ 08541-6720; or ACT Records (319) 337-1448, www.act.org, ACT Records, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, IA 52243-0168. To send scores directly to the IBEW Founders' Scholarship, the code numbers are 0485 for SAT and 0697 for ACT. It is strongly suggested that any new test taken should be the SAT I.
- 8. Materials need not be sent at the same time but must be postmarked prior to **May 1** of the scholarship year.

SELECTION OF WINNERS

The independent Founders' Scholarship Selection Committee will be composed of academic, professional and community representatives. They will examine the complete record of each scholarship applicant to choose the winners. All applicants will be notified, and the scholarship winners will be featured in the *IBEW Journal*.

RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH FOUNDERS' SCHOLAR

Scholarship winners may begin their studies in their next term or, at the latest, in January of the following year. Each term's earned grades must be sent to the Founders' Scholarship Administrator, together with a Founders' Scholarship Progress Sheet. After the first calendar year in the program, and by each August 1 thereafter, the annual Founders' Scholarship paper is due. It must be at least 1,000 words on a labor-related topic, covering any aspect affecting the current labor movement or labor history. Scholarships are not transferable and are forfeited if the student withdraws or fails to meet the requirements for graduation from the college. If a serious life situation arises to prevent continuation of studies, the scholarship winner may request that the scholarship be held in abeyance for a maximum of one academic year.

FREE ACT OF THE IBEW

The creation of this scholarship program is a free act of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The IBEW retains its right to alter, suspend, cancel or halt the IBEW Founders' Scholarship Program at any time and without giving any reason, provided that scholarship winners already in college under the program will continue to receive the stipends until graduation or the receipt of \$24,000 for undergraduate study under their IBEW Founders' Scholarships—whichever comes first.