



Scholarship Fund and Student Debt Relief Program

PURPOSE:

To generate funds to be distributed to Local 30 members and dependents for assistance with the high costs of higher education and student debt.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any member-in-good-standing in OPEIU, Local 30, may apply on behalf of themselves or immediate family members including domestic partner, spouse, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, siblings, or stepsiblings for a scholarship for school provided they are accepted to and attending any accredited college, university, or vocational post-secondary school OR they may apply for a scholarship for the payment of student loan debt provided they are out of school, have loans from a recognized student loan provider or debtor organization, and are current in their student loan payments. The amount of the unpaid loan balance must be at least equal to or greater than the amount of the award at the time of the application. In no case will the award amount exceed the amount of the balance on the loan. Applicants must choose which scholarship they desire and may not apply for both in any one year.

PROCESS:

In July of each year a notification letter accompanied by an application will be sent by mail to each member-in-good-standing in Local 30. All members of Local 30 are invited to submit an application for each eligible family member by the due date noted on the notification letter. All applications must be returned to the Local 30 office at the address listed on the application.

Applications will be kept in separate pools by San Diego membership and Los Angeles/Arizona/Colorado membership. A lottery style drawing will be conducted at the regular membership meeting in October. Three (3) winners will be drawn from the San Diego area pool and one (1) from the Los Angeles/Arizona/Colorado area pool. Upon completion of the initial drawings, remaining applications will be combined and four (4) additional winners will be drawn. Each award will be in the amount of \$2,000 or less if a student loan balance is less than the full award and will be paid either directly to the student for active student awards, or in the case of student loan payment awards go directly to the lender or if not accepted by the lender, the Scholarship Fund may make other arrangements with awardee.

Winners need not be present to win, notice will be sent to all winners and the information including the list of winners, will also be posted in the following edition of the Local 30 Newsletter. The Local 30 Scholarship Committee will report the results at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

RULES:

1. Each award is a one-time, annual award and may be applied for each year while attending school, or in the case of student debt relief as long as the loan remains open with an unpaid balance and in accordance with the eligibility rules above.

2. All award checks will be drawn on the Local 30 Scholarship Fund and be made payable to the winner of the award for active students, or to the loan provider in the case of student debt relief.
3. Local 30 reserves the right to settle any disputes, which may arise out of the process through its Scholarship Committee.
4. Applications will be reviewed to assure member-in-good-standing status for the Local 30 member submitting the application. In the event that the member is not in good standing they will be notified and given the opportunity to correct any issues. Proof of attendance/acceptance at an accredited College or University or Technical or Trade School shall be required with applications. A copy of a current loan statement shall be required as proof of student loan, including balance and status.
5. Local 30 members may submit as many applications as they have eligible family members. In the case of two parents in one family who are both Local 30 members, each parent may submit an application for each eligible family member. In no case however may any one Local 30 member submit more than one application for any eligible family member.
6. The drawing will be conducted by members of the Scholarship Committee in the presence of the members at the October meeting.
7. The drawing will consist of rank-and-file members of the union being asked to reach into the box of applications and randomly removing a single application. This process will be repeated eight (8) times, one for each award.
8. Winners will be informed by the Scholarship Committee by letter within ten (10) days of the drawing. Arrangements will then be made to present the check to the winner and the eligible Local 30 member. There is a limit of one award per person in any one year.
9. All records of the Local 30 Scholarship Fund will be kept in accordance with the US Department of Labor regulations and be included in the financial reports of the Chief Financial Officer of the union.

Members are encouraged to apply on behalf of themselves or an eligible family member and return the application to the Local 30 office no later than **September 30, 2023**.

In unity,

OPEIU, Local 30 Scholarship Committee