Union Scholarships 2026

UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility

1. Union Member (Active or Retired), Spouse & Dependant Children
2. 1 year continuous good standing by May 31, 2026.
3. Attend a college, university, tech or trade school. Under Graduate or Graduate Classes
4. Must use in the fall 2026. May reapply each year.
5. Apply Online at www.unionplus.org
   Hover on the drop down "Benefits & Discounts", on the left hover over "Education" then click on "Union Plus Scholarships", then click on "APPLY NOW". Follow prompts to create account or login and fill out application
   **NOTE: Union Plus also has a new online college program "Union plus Free College Benefit" (Check out below the APPLY NOW link.)

Application Deadline Noon, January 31, 2026

IBEW FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility

1. **Union Members ONLY**
2. At least 4 years of continuous good standing
3. Attend a college or university, studying for a bachelor degree in some field that will further the electrical industry

Application Deadline May 1, 2026

2026 TEXAS AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility

1. Union Member or Dependant Children
2. Attend a college, university, technical institute
3. Must use in the Summer or Fall Term

Application Deadline January 31, 2026

2026 EDDIE PATTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility

1. Union Member Dependant Children that are graduating senior for 2026
2. Attend a college, university, technical institute
3. Must use in the Summer or Fall Term

Application Deadline January 31, 2026

IBEW LOCAL UNION 66 SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility

1. Union Member or Dependant
2. Attend a college, university, technical institute
3. Must use in the Summer or Fall Term

Application Deadline March 31, 2026

IBEW® FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP

AWARDED ONLY TO IBEW MEMBERS

The IBEW Founders' Scholarship honors the dedicated wiremen and lineman 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 postgraduate degree in an approved field. The maximum distribution is $24,000 per person over a period not to exceed eight years.

RULES FOR ENTRY

Eligibility Checklist

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 **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 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 who are familiar with the applicant's achievements and abilities.
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, any special honors or awards, military service, involvement in union, local, civic, community or religious affairs.
6. Applicants are required to submit a 250-500 word essay. The title and topic must be: "How the Founders' Scholarship will benefit the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the electrical industry." The essay must be typed 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 (***www.collegeboard.org***) or ACT (***www.act.org***.) 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

Awards will be based on academic achievement and potential, character, leadership, social awareness and career goals.

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 *Electrical Worker*.

Responsibility of Each Founders' Scholar

Scholarship winners must 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' Scholar 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 school. 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.

APPLICATION

Please print or type

Name _____

Telephone # (____) _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip/Postal _____

SS/SIN # _____ Birthdate _____

Member of local # _____

Card # _____ Initiated into IBEW _____
On IBEW Membership Card 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 school:

1 _____

2 _____

Did you complete high school or the GED? Yes ❒ No ❒
Send transcripts or other evidence to the Scholarship Committee.

Did you have the opportunity to take apprenticeship or skill improvement training? Yes ❒ No ❒
Send transcripts or your courses to the Scholarship Committee.

Do you have any education certificates or professional licenses? Yes ❒ No ❒
Send evidence to the Scholarship Committee.

Have you taken any college courses? Yes ❒ No ❒
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.

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 each scholarship winner already in school under the program will continue to receive the stipends until graduation or the receipt of $24,000 for undergraduate study under his/her IBEW Founders' Scholarship—whichever comes first.

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

_____
Signature

_____
Date

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

Form 172
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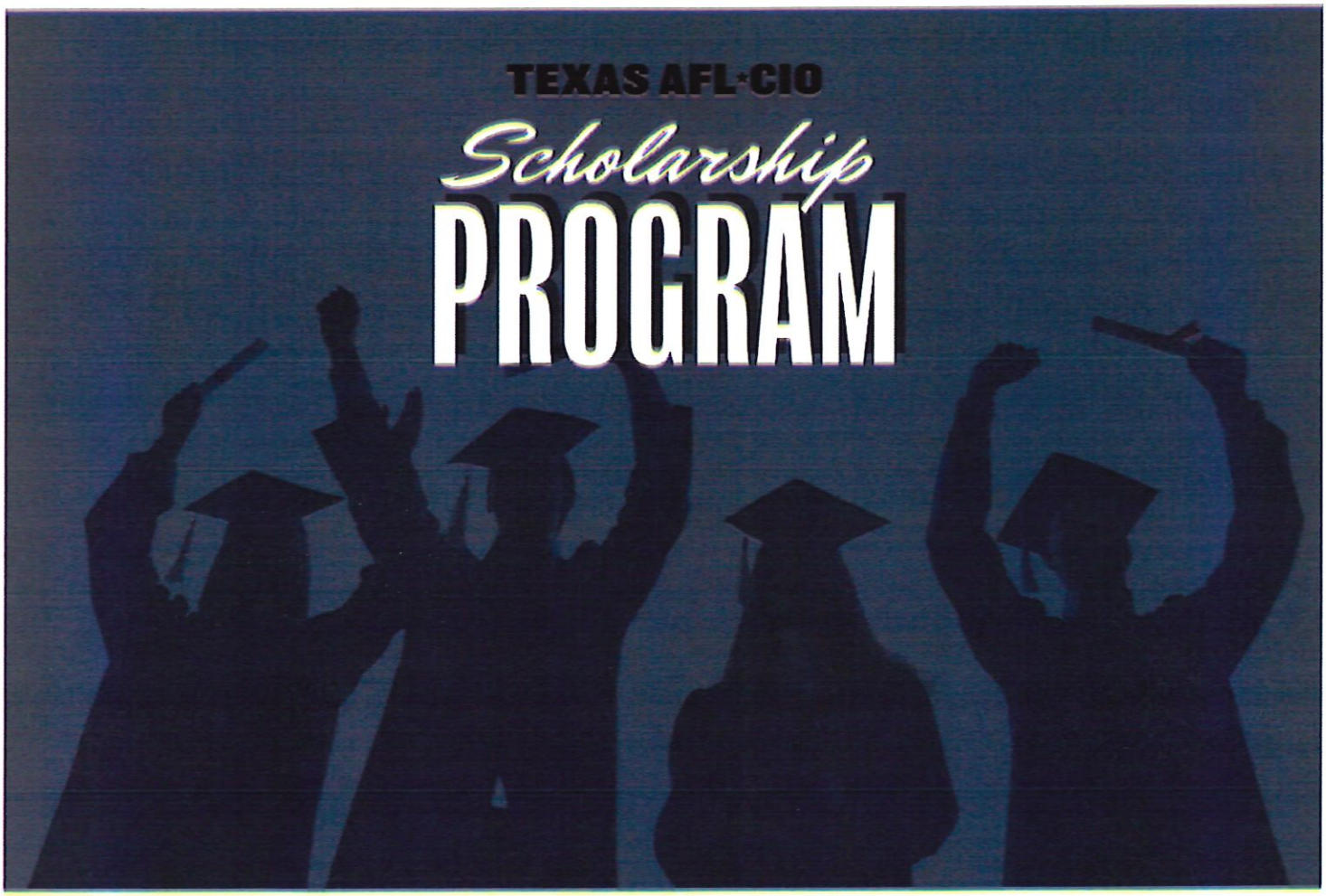
2026 High School Scholarship Program



Each year, the Texas AFL-CIO awards dozens of Texas high school seniors scholarships. **The 2026 deadline for applications is Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026.**

2026 Applications are available here.

WHO MAY APPLY

Members or children of members of local unions or children whose legal guardians are members of local unions that are affiliated with the Texas AFL-CIO and the local Central Labor Council. Applicants must be high school seniors who are planning to attend a university, college, or technical institute in the summer or fall term. Scholarships are one-time grants of $1,500.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available here, from your Central Labor Council, or from the Texas AFL-CIO Education Department at P. O. Box 12727, Austin, TX 78711. **THE POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS SATURDAY, JAN. 31, 2026.**

TO ENSURE PROPER PROCESSING: Please be sure to list the Central Labor Council with which your parent's or legal guardian's local union is affiliated. Make sure the application is signed by a union officer and a parent or legal guardian. Include an official school transcript and if applicable, proof of legal guardianship. If you are unsure that your local union is affiliated with your local Central Labor Council, please contact one of your local union officers.

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATIONS TO: TEXAS AFL-CIO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, P. O. BOX 12727, AUSTIN, TX 78711

Incomplete applications will not be processed. To avoid any mail delays, we encourage you to submit your application electronically as well to scholarship@texasaflcio.org. Please put your First & Last Name in the subject line.

A letter with website links on organized labor will be sent to each applicant in March to prepare for a test about unions. If you do not receive your letter, please contact your central labor council, a local union officer, or the Texas AFL-CIO.

SELECTION PROCESS

Each Central Labor Council will arrange all interviews and tests for applicants no later than April 24, 2026. Please contact your Central Labor Council if you have not received notice of an interview by **April 10, 2026**. YOU MUST BE TESTED AND
INTERVIEWED BY THE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOUR LOCAL UNION IS AFFILIATED.

After interviews and tests are conducted, each local Central Labor Council will select semi-finalists from among their applicants. Applicant's financial need, academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, and his/her understanding of the labor movement as demonstrated by the test scores and interviews will be considered.

The statewide Scholarship Committee of the Texas AFL-CIO will select winners from among the semi-finalists. The results will be mailed to all applicants. Winning applicants' names will be announced in Texas AFL-CIO communications forums.

If you are awarded a scholarship, please contact the Texas AFL-CIO Education Department in writing or via email to scholarship@texasaflcio.org and give us the name and address of the university, college, or technical institute you plan to attend. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school of your choice upon acceptance.

For further information, contact your local union officer, Central Labor Council or the Texas AFL-CIO at (512) 477-6195 or scholarship@texasaflcio.org.

2026 Applications are available here.

The 2026 deadline for applications is Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026.

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2026 TEXAS AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY)

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This form must be filled out completely and signed by applicant, a parent or legal guardian and Union Officer. You must attach a copy of your high school transcript and a photograph (head shot) for processing.

ATTACH HEAD SHOT HERE

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

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PART A - PERSONAL DATA

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____ SEX: ____ M ____ F

HOME ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

MOTHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

HOME ADDRESS_____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

FATHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PERMISSION TO PUBLICIZE PHOTO: _____YES _____NO

PART B - ACADEMIC DATA

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ PRINCIPAL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ZIP: _____

WHAT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING JOBS HELD) DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN?

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_____

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? _____COUNTY: _____

WHAT COLLEGE DO YOU HOPE TO ATTEND? _____

DESCRIBE ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (HARDSHIPS) CREATED BY HEALTH PROBLEM, STRIKE, LAY-OFFS, ETC.:

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LIST ANY SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR AND/OR RECEIVED _____

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_____ _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE **APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

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PART C - AFFILIATION

ARE YOU A UNION MEMBER? _____YES _____ NO

IF YES, GIVE FULL NAME OF LOCAL UNION AND NUMBER: _____

_____

IS MOTHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN A UNION MEMBER? _____ YES _____ NO

IF YES, GIVE FULL NAME OF LOCAL UNION AND NUMBER: _____

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IS FATHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN A UNION MEMBER? _____ YES _____ NO

IF YES, GIVE FULL NAME OF LOCAL UNION AND NUMBER: _____

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GIVE FULL NAME OF CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL HIS/HER UNION IS AFFILIATED WITH: _____

_____

PART D – OFFICER SIGNATURE/CLC AFFLIATION

(THE PART BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL UNION PRESIDENT, BUSINESS MANAGER OR SECRETARY-TREASURER – NO EXCEPTIONS!!)

I CERTIFY THAT _____ IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH
(PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)

LOCAL NUMBER _____ OF _____ UNION

LOCATED _____.
ADDRESS CITY ZIP

OUR LOCAL UNION IS AFFILIATED WITH THE _____ CENTRAL LABOR

COUNCIL/BODY.

_____ _____
NAME OF UNION OFFICER **POSITION HELD**

_____ _____
PHONE NUMBER **EMAIL**

_____
UNION OFFICER SIGNATURE & DATE

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:
TEXAS AFL-CIO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
P. O. BOX 12727, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

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TEXAS AFL-CIO

2026 TEXAS AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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THANK YOU for applying for the Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship.

Please use this checklist to ensure that all required documents and signatures are included on your application to be considered for the scholarship.

_____ **Part A – Personal Data** – *please make sure to include applicant's email and phone number.*

_____ **Part B – Academic Data**

_____ **Part C – Affiliation** – *one or both parents/legal guardians are members of a local union.*

_____ **Part D – Officer Signature/CLC Affiliation** – *this must be completed and signed by Union Officer. If not completed, application will be considered incomplete.*

_____ **Headshot Photo** – *please mark "yes or no" to publicize picture in Part A*

_____ **High School Transcript**

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

TO AVOID ANY MAIL DELAYS, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY AS WELL TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL: SCHOLARSHIP@TEXASAFLCIO.ORG. PLEASE PUT YOUR FIRST & LAST NAME IN THE SUBJECT LINE

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:
TEXAS AFL-CIO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
P. O. BOX 12727, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

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2026 Texas State Association of Electrical Workers
Eddie Patton Memorial Scholarship

(PLEASE PRINT)

Applicant's Name _____ Sex(M/F) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security No. _____ Phone No. _____

High School _____ Principal _____

School Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Graduation Date _____ School Phone No. _____

*** YOU **MUST** ENCLOSE YOUR LATEST SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT. YOU MAY ALSO ENCLOSE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM YOUR COUNSELOR, PASTOR, EMPLOYER, ETC. IF YOU WISH, YOU MAY WRITE A LETTER TELLING US ABOUT YOURSELF. ***

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Is Mother a Union Member? (Y/N) _____ If yes, Local Union No. _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Is Father a Union Member? (Y/N) _____ If yes, Local Union No. _____

Describe any special circumstances (hardships) created by health problems, layoffs, etc. _____

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List your extra-curricular activities _____

Are you working at the present time? (Y/N) _____ Type of work _____

What school are you planning to attend? _____

What other scholarships have you applied for? _____

_____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

This section is to be completed by an IBEW Local Union Officer regarding the applicant's or parent's Union Membership.

I certify that _____ Card No. _____
PRINTED NAME OF MEMBER

is a member in good standing of IBEW Local Union No. _____

Local Union Officer Signature _____ Title _____

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Local 66 Scholarship

APPLICATION

Applicant's Name _____ Sex (M/F) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security No. _____ Telephone (__) _____

Graduation Date _____ School Telephone (__) _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Is Mother a Union Member? (Y/N) __ If Yes, what Union & Local No. _____

Is Father a Union Member? (Y/N) __ If Yes, what Union & Local No. _____

Describe any special circumstances (hardships) created by health problems, layoffs, etc. _____

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List your extra-curricular activities: _____

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What other Scholarships have you applied for? _____

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What School are you planning to attend? _____

Are you working at the present time? (Y/N) _____ Type of Work: _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Member _____ Date _____

Note: You must enclose your latest school transcript. You may also enclose letters of recommendation from your Counselor, Pastor, Employer, Teachers or Friends etc. If you wish, you may write a letter telling about yourself.

This section to be filled by IBEW Local 66 Officer

I certify that the applicant or the applicant's parent or guardian is a member in good standing of IBEW Local Union No. 66

Signed by IBEW Local 66 Officer _____ Title _____

This application, transcripts, etc. must be postmarked no later than MARCH 31, 2026

Return to:

IBEW Local Union No.66, 4345 Allen Genoa Road, Pasadena, Texas 77504