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Dear Applicant for **Local 825 Academic and Special Scholarship Award**,

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825 is pleased to announce the following Academic and Special Scholarship Awards for 2026:

- **Seven academic scholarship awards of \$2,500.00 per academic year for four years**
- **Three \$2,500.00 special scholarships per academic year for four years**, one in each of the following categories:
 - *Outstanding Student Athlete*
 - *Outstanding Student Service*
 - *Outstanding Appreciation/Understanding of Unionism and the Labor Movement*

Scholarship winners will be selected based upon demonstrated academic achievement, quality of essay, and commitment to unionism and community service. Special scholarship winners will be selected based upon their extraordinary achievement in respective category.

We encourage applicants to apply for the academic scholarship and multiple special scholarships. However, only one award will be awarded to an applicant. Local 825 reserves the right not to issue a specific scholarship if it is determined that there is not a particularly "outstanding" candidate in any of the three categories.

Eligibility Criteria

- Child or Grandchild (**Please Circle One**) of a union member of ***Local 825 in good standing***
- High School Graduate of the Class of 2026
- Acceptance as a full-time student at a four year college or university

Application Procedures

Scholarship and grant applicants are required to submit **all** of the following materials:

- Cover Sheet
- SAT scores / ACT scores
- High School transcripts
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers, employers or civic leaders that describe the applicant's contributions (both past and potential) to his/her school and neighborhood communities.
- One short essay (approximately 500 words in length) that discusses the applicant's aspirations and how union values have influenced his/her life choices.
- College Acceptance Letter(s)
- Additional, **optional**, supporting materials.

Note: Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Deadline

The deadline for all completed applications is **April 1, 2026** (as postmarked). Applicants are responsible for assembling **all** application materials. Submit all materials (including copies of high-school transcript and letters of recommendation) by regular mail.

Applicants will receive timely acknowledgment of their submitted application and award.

Scholarship winners will be notified by **May 1, 2026**. The seven academic scholarship winners and the three special scholarship winners will be invited to attend a scholarship dinner, in their honor, hosted by **Local 825 in June 2026**.

How to Submit Your Application

➤ **By regular mail:**

Send all materials in one packet and mail it to:

**Local 825 Scholarship Program
c/o Prof. Carla A. Katz
Janice H. Levin Building
94 Rockafeller Road
Piscataway, NJ, 08854**

➤ **By email:**

Scan all materials into one PDF file and send it to:

825scholarship@gmail.com

This ***Local 825 Scholarship Program*** is administered by **Prof. Katz of Rutgers University**. Please contact Prof. Katz for any further questions or concerns regarding the scholarship application by email at **825scholarship@gmail.com** or by phone at **848-932-1921**.

Thank You and Good Luck,

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825

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LOCAL 825 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Social Security Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parent/Grandparent Information (Please Circle One)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Phone: _____

High School Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date: _____

I certify that I researched and wrote the attached essay independently. Any and all information (transcripts, SAT scores, ACT scores and recommendations) are legitimate and authentic records or representations of my academic standing.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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I wish to be considered for the following:

- ❖ **Academic Scholarship** _____
- ❖ **Outstanding Student Athlete Scholarship** _____
- ❖ **Outstanding Student Service Scholarship** _____
- ❖ **Outstanding Understanding/Appreciation of
Unionism and the Labor Movement Scholarship** _____

NOTE: We encourage applicants to apply for both the academic scholarship and any of the special scholarships.

(Optional) If you have checked off any of the above mentioned ***special scholarships***, please provide & attach applicable documentation and list those documents below as well (i.e. newspaper article, letter from non-profit organization, etc.):

Name of Applicant (Print) _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

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LOCAL 825 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Dear Recommender,

_____ (*Name of Applicant*) is applying for a scholarship through *International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825*. Please take the time to describe your relationship with the applicant; concentrating on what you feel are the applicant's special qualities and abilities that would make him/her a worthy candidate for the *Local 825 Scholarship*. The assessment committee is especially interested in the applicant's demonstrated and potential commitment to community service, both inside and outside an academic setting. Please type/write a separate letter and attach it to this sheet. In addition, please fill out the information requested at the bottom of this sheet. Thank you.

Name (Print)

Affiliation

Relationship (Past or Present) to Applicant

Signature

Date

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Name (Print)

Affiliation

Relationship (Past or Present) to Applicant

Signature

Date

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APPLICATION ESSAY

Dear Applicant,

Please write a 500 word essay that describes the kinds of service and volunteer activities that you have contributed to your high school and community. Your essay **must** address all of the following points/questions:

- ❖What are the accomplishments and contributions that you have made so far through your participation in clubs, charities, church groups, or community organizations?
- ❖What types of activities would you pursue once you are in college?
- ❖What are your career goals and dreams in life?
- ❖As a child of a union member, what do you see as the values of unionism?
- ❖Discuss how these union values contribute to your accomplishments and contributions so far and how they influence your choice of college activities and your career goals and dreams in life.

Please type your essay (1" margin and double-space with 12 point font size) on a separate sheet and attach to this. Remember to clearly identify yourself and sign and date your essay.

Name (Print) _____

Signature

Date

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please make sure to enclose all of the following completed items prior to submitting your application packet.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Application Cover Sheet	_____
High School Transcript	_____
SAT Scores/ACT Scores	_____
Personal Essay	_____
Recommendations (2)	_____
College Acceptance Letter(s)	_____

Name of Applicant (Print) _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____