

# Union Plus Scholarship

## Awarded annually to AFSCME members and their families

[Congratulations to the recipients of the 2011 Union Plus Scholarship Awards](#)

The Union Plus Scholarship program, sponsored by the Union Plus Education Foundation, helps union members and their families defray the cost of higher education. Since 1992, the program has awarded over \$3 million to deserving students.

## How to Apply

[Visit the Union Plus site for more information and to apply online.](#)

## Eligibility for Scholarships

Current and retired members of unions participating in any Union Plus program, their spouses and their dependent children (including foster children, step children, and any other child for whom the individual member provides greater than 50% of his or her support) can apply for a Union Plus Scholarship. (Participating union members from Puerto Rico, Canada, Guam and Virgin Islands and U.S. citizens are eligible.) Members do not have to purchase any Union Plus program product or participate in any Union Plus programs to apply for the scholarships and scholarship awards are not based upon participation in a Union Plus program.

The individual must be accepted into an accredited college or university, community college or recognized technical or trade school at the time the award is issued. Note: Graduate students are now eligible.

## Evaluation criteria

The scholarship program is open to students attending or planning to attend a college or university, a community college, or a technical college or trade school. Applicants for scholarships are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor.

Scholarship applications are judged by a committee of impartial post secondary educators.

## Scholarship award amounts

The amount of the award ranges from \$500 - \$4,000. This is a one-time cash award sent to individual winners for study beginning in the fall of the same year.