

Northern California Laborers Scholarship Foundation

2021 Scholarship Award Program - Contest Rules and Application Instructions ***DEADLINE FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021***

This year's program will award one hundred (100) college scholarships of \$3,000 (community college) or \$4,500 (4-year college/university/graduate program) each, which must be used for full-time study at any nationally accredited U.S. 2-year college or 4-year college/university or graduate program in the upcoming school year. The following are the general rules and instructions for the 2021 Scholarship Award Program. **You may apply online at ncdc-laborers.org/scholarship OR by mailing the application and required elements.**

Who May Apply:

The applicant must be a child or legally adopted child of a member of a Local Union affiliated with the Northern California District Council of Laborers (open to Laborers' Locals 67, 73, 185, 261, 270, 294, 304, 324, and 1130 only).

The parent of the applicant must be a member in good standing with the Local Union for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application. If the parent is deceased, the parent must have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of death. If the parent is retired, the parent must be a member in good standing for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application (i.e. retiree dues currently being paid).

The applicant must be either:

- a high school senior of a public or private school who is graduating by the end of Spring 2021 and plans to attend, full-time, an accredited college, or university in the United States, or
 - a General Education Diploma student who will receive his/her GED by the end of Spring 2021 and plans to attend, full-time, an accredited college, or university in the United States, or
 - a student currently enrolled at an accredited college, or university in the United States and will continue to attend, full-time.
- **Any scholarship awarded to a student who does not, at any time during the award period, attend full-time, an accredited college, or university in the United States, will be revoked.**

Instructions:

Applications will be accepted beginning March 19, 2021. **DEADLINE** - All of the following items on this checklist must be received as a complete packet in our office in Pleasanton by **5:00 pm on Friday, June 11, 2021.** (faxed/emailed applications are not accepted):

- ☐ 1. APPLICATION FORM – completed and signed by the applicant.
- ☐ 2. ESSAY – a short essay on the subject of a notable figure or key group in the labor movement, and their contribution to the movement.
- ☐ 3. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (current school) – must be in the original, unopened school envelope sealed by an authorized official of the school and should be included in the complete application packet and must be received by our office by Friday, June 11, 2021.
Tip: Request your transcript early; some schools take a few weeks or longer to process a request.
- ☐ 4. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION - applicants should submit between one and three letters of recommendation giving information about their character and ability. These may be from teachers, community leaders, family friends, or others who know the applicant. Letter(s) of recommendation should be submitted with the application form.
- ☐ 5. UNION MEMBERSHIP STATUS LETTER – all applicants must request and submit a letter from the Local Union verifying the parent's membership status. Please request this letter directly from the Local where dues are paid and with enough time for you to pick it up.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all the above items are received on time and that they are sent to:

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LABORERS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
4780 Chabot Drive, Suite 200
Pleasanton, CA 94588-3322**

Please note that any incomplete submissions, submissions sent to any other address, or submissions received after the deadline will not be entered into the competition. Applications may be delivered in person or by any mail/delivery service. **Paper applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, June 11, 2021 or online applications must be uploaded by midnight on Friday, June 11, 2021.** Due to the volume of mail we receive, we are not able to confirm our receipt of your application. If you require delivery confirmation, please use a mail/delivery service that can provide you with a confirmation and/or tracking number. Online applications will automatically receive an electronic receipt by email.

Awarding Scholarships:

Upon receipt of the application form and required application materials, the Northern California Laborers Scholarship Foundation will submit the application for judging to the University Scholarship Selection Committee, an independent outside group composed entirely of professional educators.

Apart from verifying the eligibility of the applicant, Northern California Laborers Scholarship Foundation will not exercise any choice among the various applicants or indicate in any way that one applicant should be favored over another.

All parts of the application, including any community service, school activities, GPA, essay, etc., will be considered during the selection of scholarship recipients. Based on factors normally used in awarding academic scholarships, the University Scholarship Selection Committee will submit to the Northern California Laborers Scholarship Foundation the list of the finalists to be awarded scholarships. The Northern California Laborers Scholarship Foundation will not impose restrictions of any kind on the course of study. Recipients may accept any other grants or awards which do not rule out scholarship aid or other sources. The recipient must remain a full time student during the entire school year for which the scholarship is awarded.