

UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

About the Scholarship

Since 1991, the Union Plus Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$4 million to students of working families who want to begin or continue their post-secondary education. Over 2,700 families have benefited from our commitment to higher education. The Union Plus Scholarship Program is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation, supported in part by contributions from the provider of the Union Plus Credit Card. (You do not need to be a Union Plus Credit Card holder to apply for this scholarship.)

Application Timeline

Applications are available starting in mid-June, and a complete application must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on **January 31, 2019**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

How to Submit an Application

Apply for the Union Plus Scholarship Program through the online application form:

www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/union-plus-scholarship

Award Date

The Union Plus Scholarship Committee will determine recipients of scholarship awards by May 31 each year. During the first week of June award recipients will be individually notified by mail, and all applicants will be sent an email with notification that the award list is posted at **www.unionplus.org**.

Award Amounts

\$500 to \$4,000. These one-time cash awards are for study beginning in the Fall of 2019. Students may re-apply each year

Evaluation Criteria

This is a competitive scholarship. Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended.

The required essays can account for up to half your total score.

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

Eligibility Criteria:

- Current and retired members of unions participating in any Union Plus program, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations) are eligible. Grandchildren are not eligible unless a legal dependent (as defined by IRS regulations). At least one year of continuous union membership by the applicant, applicant's spouse or parent (if applicant is a dependent). The one year membership minimum must be satisfied by May 31, 2019.
- Members of participating unions from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada.
- The applicant must be accepted into a U.S. accredited college, university, community college, technical or trade school at the time the award is issued. Awards must be used for the 2019 - 2020 school year.
- Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply.