

# Financial Assistance for College

## Curious how SMART ~ Sheet Metal Workers' can help you pay for College?

SMART ~ Sheet Metal Workers' Scholarship Fund awards 34 scholarships in the amount of \$6,000 per year for up to four years for a full-time undergraduate study at any accredited college or university. Two of those awards may be granted to participants or their eligible dependents that are enrolled in an undergraduate course in Mechanical Engineering and Architecture. These scholarships are for up to five years, resulting in payments of \$6,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$12,000 per year for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> years for a total of \$54,000.

The Scholarship Foundation awards 20 one-year \$4,000 scholarships and 2 one-year \$5,000 scholarships through the Joseph J. Nigro and Joey Nigro, Jr. Memorial awards for undergraduate study.

### Who's Eligible?

Eligibility for a scholarship under the Fund or the Foundation requires that an applicant be an *active* member of a SMART former SMWIA local union, a covered employee or a dependent spouse or child under the age of 25 of a SMART/SMWIA member or covered employee. The applicant must

also be a full-time student or be accepted to be a full-time student at an accredited college or university. The scholarship may be used for any field of study by Undergraduate Students only.

### How to Apply

The first step in applying is to obtain an "Application Request Form" from the Scholarship office. Application Request Forms can be downloaded from [smart-union.org/sheet-metal-scholarship-fund](http://smart-union.org/sheet-metal-scholarship-fund) for printing or can be completed online and returned to the Scholarship office by email. Make sure you have an up to date version of *Adobe* and save your document accordingly. They are also printed in the Fall issue of *The Members' Journal*. The Scholarship office will review the information on the Request Form and will mail the appropriate application to the address provided by the applicant. (Applications may be requested from September 1<sup>st</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>.)

### Required Materials

All Applications and related materials must be submitted to the Scholarship Office postmarked no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> each year. A completed and signed Application must have the accompanying materials:

SAT/ACT test scores for High School Seniors, Academic Transcripts for both High School Seniors and College Students, a Letter of Recommendation and a two-page Essay. The essay topic is supplied in the application packet mailed to the Applicant.

### The Important Details

Member must be in good standing as a SMART member of a former SMWIA local union.

To be eligible for the **four-year** scholarship awards, the Member must be a Plan Participant engaged in Covered Employment for a minimum of 150 hours of work during the Plan Year (Calendar Year beginning January 1 to December 31, 2016).

\* The requirement of Plan Participation and the 150 hour minimum does not apply to the one-year scholarship awards.

The definition of "Dependent" includes: (1) any Plan Participant's legal spouse under age 25; (2) an unmarried child of a Plan Participant under age 25 who is claimed as a dependent on their federal income tax return.

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A "child" includes (1) a natural child, (b) a step-child, (c) an adopted child, or (d) a child for which a Participant has legal guardianship.

In order for the Applicant to be considered a full-time student, they must be attending or will attend a college with a minimum number of class hours per quarter or semester that the institution defines as a "full-time" course load.



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