

# **JEROME D. O'LEARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Read all instructions and follow all directions completely. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*
2. Applications must be typed or printed clearly and must be completed by the applicant.
3. *All applications must include two (2) sealed letters of recommendation. At least one (1) of these letters must be from a teacher or a person in a position to evaluate your academic performance and ability.*
4. *Include a sealed official transcript of your most recent high school or college grades. Unofficial grade transcripts (including self-generated computer grade printouts or class schedules) will not be accepted as a substitute for the official grade transcript from the registrar's office of the educational institution.*
5. If you will be a high school graduate in spring 2026, include a letter of acceptance from the college or university you plan to attend in the fall of 2026.
6. Attach a personal statement of no more than 500 words on one of the topics provided on page 5 of the application.
7. Do not print 2 sided copies.
8. Do not send transcripts or letters of recommendation separate from the application.
9. Do not use staples on any pages.
10. Do not include the instruction pages (pages 1 or 2) with your application submission.
11. Retain a copy of the completed application for your records.
12. Mail your completed application with all enclosures to the following address **by June 12, 2026** (postmarked by this date, with proper postage payment):

**Mr. Matthew T. Lienen**  
**Business Manager Financial Secretary-Treasurer**  
**Jerome D. O'Leary Scholarship Trust Fund**  
**4600 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Rock Island, IL. 61201**

Scholarship recipients from the 2025-2026 academic year need only complete the "Previous (2025-2026) Academic Year". Recipients' application (found on the UA web site at [www.lu25.org](http://www.lu25.org)) and provide their most recent official grade transcript along with a certification from the educational institution that the applicant remains in good academic standing with no disciplinary actions brought against them. Unofficial grade transcripts (including self-generated computer grade printouts or class schedules) will not be accepted as a substitute for the official grade transcript from the registrar's office of the educational institution.

If you were not awarded a 2025-2026 scholarship, you must re-apply by submitting a fully completed 2026-2027 application with all enclosures and attachments as instructed above.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Children, grandchildren,<sup>1</sup> and spouses of Local 25 members who are in good standing with the Union are eligible, as long as they are dependent upon that Union member's financial support and maintenance.<sup>2</sup> Local 25 members themselves are also eligible.
2. You must plan to pursue or be pursuing post-high school education at an institution of higher education.
3. You must have been accepted for admission or be enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university at the time of the award.
4. You must be a full time student and awards must be used for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Applications must be postmarked by June 12, 2026. Please be sure to include proper postage.

## AWARD CRITERIA

Awards will be based on academic achievement and potential, personal achievement, and community involvement. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Applications will be judged by an independent and impartial Selection Committee, comprised of distinguished members of the community. Financial need may also be considered in making awards. The Selection Committee shall have the discretion to request information concerning the financial circumstances of applicants and to use this information in the award of Scholarships.

**Awards will be announced in August 2026, and may be found through the Members section at [www.lu25.org](http://www.lu25.org). Scholarship awardees will also be notified by mail.**

### **CHECKLIST – Must be completed for application to be considered.**

- ☐ Did you review the eligibility criteria?
- ☐ Did you fill out all fields completely? If a field does not apply to you, mark "N/A".
- ☐ Did you enclose two sealed letters of recommendation?
- ☐ Did you enclose your personal statement?
- ☐ Did you enclose a sealed official transcript of your most recent grades?
- ☐ Did you include proper postage?

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<sup>1</sup> "Grandchild" is defined as any unmarried natural or adopted grandchild of a Union member, in good standing, who is dependent upon that Union member's financial support and maintenance and who has a regular *parent-child* relationship with that Union member.

<sup>2</sup> Children, grandchildren, and spouses of *deceased* UA members are also eligible if the child, grandchild, or spouse was dependent upon that UA member's financial support and maintenance prior to their passing.

Applicant's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

College ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmarked by June 12, 2026**

**Please print or type.** Information must be filled out by applicant. See pages 1 and 2 for instructions, eligibility requirements, award criteria, and other information. Please read all instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration for a scholarship.

**Personal Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicants email address

**Local 25 Affiliation** Who in your family is a 25 member? List any additional family members who are UA/25 members on a separate page and attach it to this application.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Local # \_\_\_\_\_ UA Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous 25 Scholarship Recipients** If you have received a 25 Scholarship in the past, please check this box. ☐

**Other Scholarships or Financial Aid** List below any other scholarships or financial aid you will be awarded for the 2026-2027 school year, and include the amount awarded to you.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Educational Background**

Name of Institution	Location of School (City/State)	Attendance Dates (Month/ Year)	Major/Field (if applicable)	Degree/ Diploma Date (Month/ Year)	Grade Point Average Scale (ex. 3.8/4.0 or 4.1/5.0)	Class Rank/ Class Size

Applicant's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**SAT and/or ACT Scores** Indicate test score(s).

**SAT:** Critical Reading: \_\_\_\_ Mathematics: \_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_ Subject Test (specify subject): \_\_\_\_\_ Date taken: \_\_\_\_

**ACT:** Score: \_\_\_\_ Percentile: \_\_\_\_ Date taken: \_\_\_\_

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<b>By June 2026, I will have Completed</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> High School or The first semester of my: ) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> year college ) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> year college ) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> year college ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> year college )	<b>In the Fall of 2026, I plan to attend</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Community college or junior college <input type="checkbox"/> Four year college or university  Intended or Current Major: _____
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<b>Schools to which you have applied (Include acceptance Letter):</b>	<b>Check if Accepted</b>
(1) _____ Location: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____ Location: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____ Location: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____ Location: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Anticipated graduation date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Life Experience**

Please provide any employment you have held, sports, extra-curricular activities you participate in, volunteer or community service you have performed, awards you have received and any talents and hobbies you may have. Attach additional pages if needed.

Employment (include hrs/wk)	Sports/Extra Curricular Activities (include hrs/wk)	Volunteer/Community Service (include hrs/wk)	Awards, Talents, Hobbies

## Letters of Reference

Please enclose two sealed recommendation letters. At least one of these letters must be from your teacher or another individual who is in a position to evaluate your academic performance and ability.

## Personal Statement

Please submit a personal statement of 500 words or less on one of the following topics of your choice. You may attach a separate page or use the space provided below.

- Why is it critical for union families to vote in elections?*
- How does rebuilding energy infrastructure help the U.S. economy?*
- How do unions in the workplace benefit business and the community?*
- What is the importance of rebuilding the private financial sector?*

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## Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that all of the information I have included in and with my application is true and correct. I understand that my application will not be considered if I have not provided all requested information and enclosures (including sealed letters of recommendation and sealed transcript). I also understand that I may be required to submit proof of my relationship to a Local 25 member and of my acceptance to or enrollment in an accredited college, community college, or university. Further, I understand that if I am selected for an award, official verification will be required of my attained grades and test scores. I agree that if I am selected for an award, my name, photograph, and/or essay may be used for publicity purposes with no additional compensation by the sponsors of this scholarship program. Finally, I certify that I have read and understand the information above.

Signature

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Date