

2018 IAM Scholarship Competition is Now Accepting Applications



The 2018 IAM Scholarship Competition is now accepting applications. The competition is open to members of the IAM and their children throughout the United States and Canada under procedures and rules of eligibility explained in this announcement. The IAM Scholarship Fund, which is used exclusively to make possible these awards, was established by the delegates of the 1960 IAM Grand Lodge Convention.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Scholarship Competition

Scholarships to make possible the attainment of a Bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational/technical certification are determined in a competition among eligible applicants that is judged by a special Selection Committee.

Amount of the Awards

Awards to members are \$2,000 per academic year. They are granted for a specific period from one to four years to enable

the member to earn a Bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational/technical certification.

Awards to Children of Members are: College – \$1,000 per academic year. All awards are renewed each year until a Bachelor's degree is obtained up to a maximum of four years. Vocational/Technical School – \$2,000 per year until certification is reached up to a maximum of two years.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

An Eligible Applicant Must Be Either–

- an IAM member; or
- the son, daughter, stepchild or legally adopted child of an IAM member.

A Member Applicant –

- must have two years of continuous good-standing membership through the closing date of the competition which is February 23, 2018;
- may apply either when entering college or vocational/technical school as a freshman or at a higher level with some college credits already completed;
- may apply as a full-time or part-time student; and
- if not a winner, may apply again the following year.

Child of a Member Applicant –

- must have one living parent with two years of continuous good-standing membership through the closing date of February 23, 2018;
- will be eligible if the parent member died after the son or daughter entered high school, and the parent had two years of “continuous good-standing membership” at the time of death;

- A “continuous good-standing membership” is understood to be a period of membership during which the member continuously paid monthly dues uninterrupted by withdrawal cards;
- must be planning to graduate high school during the winter or by the end of the spring 2018 school year
- must plan to take a regular college or vocational/technical program on a full-time basis, maintaining qualifying grades.

Ineligible Applicants Include –

- applicants who do not intend to work without interruption for a bachelor’s degree or completion of a vocational/technical school certification;
- members’ children who are attending or have already attended college or vocational/technical school;
- children of members on the payroll of the Grand Lodge,
- graduate students; and
- applicants who do not plan to enroll in an accredited college or vocational/technical school.
- retired members

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HOW TO APPLY FOR A 2018 IAM SCHOLARSHIP

There are three different Application Packets. Please choose the appropriate link below to apply for an IAM Scholarship. The Application Packet must be completed and postmarked by **February 23, 2018**.

1. **Members (college or vocational/technical school)**
2. **Children of members (college)**
3. **Children of members (vocational/technical school)**

To be valid, an application must be submitted on the appropriate form. If you do not qualify under the above requirements, please do not send an application. No exceptions

can be made to the rules. Application Packets for the 2018 competition may also be obtained by calling our scholarship department at 301-967-4708 or by emailing scholarship@iamaw.org.

Application packets postmarked later than February 23, 2018, will NOT be acknowledged or considered. No exceptions will be permitted even if a third party is responsible for the delay.

IMPORTANT: Complete the application and **MAIL TO:**

IAM Scholarship Program

9000 Machinists Place, Room 204

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-2687

All Scholarship Applicants are Advised –

- to obtain guidance from their high school teachers and counselors in pursuing a college education or for attending vocational/technical school;
- not to wait until awards are announced before making other plans for financing a college education;
- to apply early for scholarships or awards from several other sources; and
- to make early application for admission to at least three colleges.

The Selection Committee

Award recipients will be chosen by an independent Selection Committee composed of four qualified educators from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

The Selection Procedure

The Committee attempts to select from each IAM territory applicants who have demonstrated learning ability and all-around suitability for college work or for attending vocational/technical school. In reaching this determination, many factors are taken into consideration, including: grades, attitude toward study, personal references, available test scores, the opinion of counselors and teachers and activities

outside of school. For member applicants, weight is given to participation in local lodge responsibilities. Canadian students are judged according to Canadian scholastic standards. The IAM scholarship winners and honorable mentions will be announced in the Summer 2018 on the IAM website.

All Award Recipients –

- are responsible for obtaining admission to the college or vocational/technical school of the student's choice;
- must take a course of study leading to a bachelor's degree or its equivalent if attending college or the required courses for vocational/technical school; and
- may attend a two-year accredited college and transfer for the last two years.**

The Sponsoring Member and Member Applicants –

- must maintain continuous good-standing membership throughout the life of the award or have been issued an honorary withdrawal card due to a lay-off, plant closing or retirement after the scholarship has been awarded.

** For college scholarship recipients only.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

When proper notification is submitted to the Scholarship Committee, the following may be approved: If the recipient enlists in the military, the award will be held in reserve for a period no longer than three years.

If the recipient enters the Peace Corps, the award will be held in reserve for a period no longer than two years.

The recipient must apply for reinstatement of the scholarship within three months after discharge from the military service or Peace Corps and must enroll in college.

A request for temporary suspension for academic reasons may be granted for a period not exceeding one year.

In the case of illness or accident, the award may be held in reserve for a period not to exceed two years. The student would be expected to resume college or vocational/technical work as soon as possible.

The IAM will set aside the total amount in the Scholarship Fund necessary to finance the student through the period of the award. The Program was established in the confident expectation that it will remain indefinitely, as long as donations continue. If unforeseen circumstances should cause the Program to be discontinued, scholarships in effect would be continued for their duration, and all money remaining in the Fund would be used solely for educational purposes.

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ALTERNATE RESOURCES

Union Plus Credit Card Scholarships.

Send a postcard with your name, return address, telephone number and union to: Union Plus Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 34800, Wash., DC 20043-4800 or download the application from the Union Privilege web site in early September: www.unionplus.org/scholarships.

AFL-CIO's Scholarship Guide.

The web site is www.aflcio.org for links to all unions and Federally-funded scholarship programs.

Federal Student Aid Information Center.

Call 1-800-433-3243 for a free copy of "The Student Guide." The web site is www.StudentAid.ed.gov then link to publications or www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Vocational-Technical Information.

The web site is: <http://www.trade-schools.net> for information on Voc-tech schools in the U.S. and Canada or www.accsct.org for an alternate U.S. site.