



Unity and Strength for Workers Local 4-900

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2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Student's name: _____
2. Home address: _____
3. High School attended and date of graduation:

4. Secondary School/College or Grad school you will be, or are now attending:

5. Applying for: () College () Tech. School () Grad. School
6. Major/Course (if known): _____
7. Local 900 member Sponsor (i.e. parent): _____
*NOTE: Applicant must be a dependent of the sponsor, grandchildren are not included unless dependents.
8. Sponsor's relationship to applicant: _____
9. Sponsor's Department: _____ Man # _____
10. Other parent(s) to be mentioned (optional) _____
11. Phone number to be reached should there be any problems with application: _____
12. Scholarships will be available Christmas vacation week. On a separate paper, write a "Letter to the Editor" utilizing one of the topics from the attached sheet. Submit this along with the application to the USW Local 900 Union Office prior to March 28, 2025.
NOTICE! *These must be received or at least postmarked no later than March 28th.*
- 13.*NOTE: **NO NEED FOR A PICTURE ANYMORE**

2024-2025 USW Local 900 Scholarship Rules

1. USW Local 900 Scholarship Awards may be presented to any High School graduating senior, or any College, Technical school, or graduate student that will be enrolled **full-time** or be considered as a credited full-time student in the 2023-2024 school year. Each award has been for a **minimum** of \$500.00, but 1st through 3rd place winners have received a **minimum** \$1000, \$800, and \$700 respectively. We plan to continue this size award as long as there is sufficient funding.
2. Written essays or letters must receive a “passing grade” (“B” or 3.0 equivalent) to be determined by the scholarship committee to qualify. (Expectations for good grades may be scrutinized more this year.) Failure to do so may still qualify the applicant for a \$100 educational grant, at the discretion of the committee. (All applicants received at least this \$100 amount the past few years.)
3. Applicants must be **dependents** of USW Local 900 members in good standing which includes dependents of retirees of USW local 900. This could include dependents of union employees of ND Paper, Catalyst Paper, MeadWestvaco Corp., NewPage Corp., or the former Boise Cascade Corp., all from the Rumford Mill.
4. The scholarship awards or grants will be paid directly to the recipients that are enrolled for their spring semester the year after being awarded the scholarship, with proof of **full-time** enrollment or be considered as a credited full-time student or and achieving passing grades. The awards are given on a one-time basis only, but applicants may apply every year of eligibility.
5. **Application forms will be available at the USW Local 900 Union office** at the first of each year and some may be sent to this area’s High Schools.
6. Scholarship awards will be presented based on each student's written essay or “Letter to the Editor.” The essay/letters’ grade will carry the greatest weight for the criteria in determining scholarship winners. The subjects will pertain to unionism, labor, democracy, etc. Topics for essays are attached to these instructions. All essays or “Letters to the Editor” and applications submitted will become the property of USW Local 900, and may be published as a news item.
7. Submitted “Letters to the Editor” will be photocopied and originals will be filed in the union office while the photocopies will have names removed. A number will be assigned to each essay and then forwarded to the Maine Bureau of Labor Education in Orono for grading. The graded papers will be returned to USW Local 900 and filed in prioritized order. The top three scholarship awards will be presented to the student/students that achieved the highest scores of those submitted, and each “passing grade” may receive a \$500 Scholarship award. Others may receive a \$100 educational grant at the discretion of the committee.

Plagiarism, inability to follow scholarship rules, incomplete applications, and lack of effort by the applicant will be deemed cause to invalidate the application.

8. NOTE: All scholarship award checks will be printed out by December vacation 2025 and must be picked up ASAP. Checks are not valid after 90 days per bank rules.

Judilee Whittemore, Scholarship Chair

2024-2025 Local 900 Scholarship Committee Subjects for “Letters to the Editor”

Letters to the Editor should be at least 150 but no more than 250 words. If using quotes from any sources, please provide the sources. Plagiarism is cause for disqualification. Please write in a “Letter to the Editor” format. Be persuasive on any subject, but be aware that these are graded by the Maine Bureau of Labor Education, University of Maine, Orono, which is a pro-labor organization.

1. If President Trump sets Tariffs on other countries like he says, how will this impact our country?
2. How do you think having re-elected President Trump back in office will help our labor in the United States?
3. What did Frances Perkins do for Social Security?
4. If Frances Perkins was alive today, how do you think she would feel about how Social security is run today?