

ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 543, IBEW

SCHOLARSHIP FUND REGULATIONS

1. To be eligible for the Scholarship, the applicant must be a child, grandchild, or spouse of an IBEW 543 member in good standing.
2. To be eligible, all scholarship applicants shall submit, along with their Scholarship Application Form, a 500 to 1000 word essay on the following subject:

“Why are Unions needed in America?”

The ten scholarships awarded will be selected by the Executive Board, based on the essay, GPA and test scores. Throughout the year the essays may be published on the Local Union Newsletter/Web site.

3. The “Scholarship Fund” will be funded each year at the November E-Board Meeting. The scholarship “values” will be based on funds available for that year. At the discretion of the Union E-Board, this program may be terminated at any time dependant upon financial status of the Union at the November meeting.
4. Ten scholarships will be made available, one for each region. In the event that no scholarship applications are received for a region, those funds will be returned to the union’s general fund or redistributed to the other regions at the E-Boards discretion.
5. Each eligible applicant requesting a scholarship shall complete an official “Local 543 Scholarship Form”, which must be returned to the 543 Local Union Office, by US Mail or email, post marked no later than **February 1st**. The essay, copies of the GPA/report card, SAT scores and/or ACT scores must be included with the application. Applicants must list the names of the **accredited colleges or universities** where they have enrolled or been accepted. (If more room is needed, a supplemental sheet may be added.) The “essay” must also be e-mailed, in MS Word format, to the 543 Local Union Office. All email will be directed to: (**jerry.koger@ibew543.org**).
6. Scholarship winners or their schools will be notified at the time of selection. Presentation of the Scholarship will be made at the recipient’s High School Scholarship Awards or other suitable location at the discretion of the E-Board. The check for the Scholarship will be made out to the scholarship recipient or sent to a College or University financial office, at the discretion of the recipient.

In accordance with section 3 above, the E-Board members present at the November meeting decided there would be ten (10), five hundred dollar (\$500.00) scholarships awarded for 2012. Children, grandchildren, or spouses of members interested in the scholarship must complete an official form obtained from the 543 Union Offices or its web site. Procedures and requirements will be listed on the form. Return the form and essay to the IBEW Local Union 543, post marked no later than **February 1st**.