



**Union Plus Scholarship Applications
Now Available for IBEW Families**

Application deadline Jan. 31, 2008

Applications for the 2008 Union Plus Scholarship Program, which offers \$150,000 in scholarships annually to union members, their spouses and dependants, are now available.

To download the application, visit <http://www.unionplus.org/scholarships>. Or, send a postcard with your name, return address, telephone number and international union name to: Union Plus Education Foundation, c/o Union Privilege, P.O. Box 34800, Washington, DC 20043-4800. The application deadline is January 31, 2008.

Since 1992, the Union Plus Scholarship program has provided more than \$2.4 million to help fulfill the educational dreams of students who represent more than 13 million working families across the nation. Union Plus Scholarship awards are presented annually.

In 2007, 103 students were awarded a total of \$150,000 in scholarships from the Union Plus Scholarship program. More than 5,500 applications were received last year in the annual scholarship program, which is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation with funding from HSBC, the issuer of the Union Plus Credit Card. [Click here](#) to read about the three IBEW family members selected as winners of the 2007 Union Plus Scholarship awards.

IBEW members as well as their spouses and dependent children are eligible to apply for scholarships, and can take advantage of Union Plus benefits, which help members with everything from personal finances to discounts on everyday purchases.

How the Scholarship Program Works

In addition to demonstrating academic ability, applicants are required to submit essays of no more than 500 words describing their career goals, detailing their relationship with the union movement and explaining why they are deserving of a union scholarship.

Individuals must be accepted into an accredited college or university, community college or recognized technical or trade school at the time the award is issued. Graduate school students will now be eligible for Union Plus Scholarships. There is no requirement to have participated in any Union Plus program in order to apply.

The challenging job of selecting the winners from a large and diverse field of highly qualified applicants was handled by a panel of education experts affiliated with the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the United Negro College Fund.

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Union Privilege, founded by the AFL-CIO in 1986, develops and manages the Union Plus benefits program, which uses the combined buying power of America's union members to obtain top-quality goods and services at competitive prices. In addition to a money-saving credit card, the Union Plus programs include free and discounted legal services, education services, discounted health services, a home-buying program, travel and recreation discounts and much more. For more information, visit www.UnionPlus.org.