

# IBEW FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP

## AWARDED ONLY TO IBEW MEMBERS

The IBEW Founders' Scholarship honors the dedicated wiremen and lineman who, on November 28, 1891, organized the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Each year the officers of the IBEW are pleased to offer its working members scholarships on a competitive basis. It is hoped that the awards will not only contribute to the personal development of our members but also steward the electrical industry that our founders envisioned.

This award is for \$200 per semester credit hour at any accredited college or university toward an associate's, bachelor's or postgraduate degree in an approved field. The maximum distribution is \$24,000 per person over a period not to exceed eight years.

## RULES FOR ENTRY

### Eligibility Checklist

Founders' Scholarship competition is an adult program, to be used solely by IBEW members. It is NOT for the children of members.

1. Applicants must have been in continuous good standing and have paid dues without an Honorary Withdrawal for **four** years preceding May 1 of the scholarship year, or be charter members of a local union.
2. Each applicant must be recommended in writing by the local union business manager. If there is no business manager, then the recommendation must come from the local union president, system council chairman or general chairman.
3. At least two additional letters of recommendation must be sent by individuals who are familiar with the applicant's achievements and abilities.
4. Copies of all academic transcripts from high school, college, apprenticeship or other educational and developmental programs must be submitted.
5. A complete personal résumé is required. The résumé should outline education and work history, any special honors or awards, military service, involvement in union, local, civic, community or religious affairs.
6. Applicants are required to submit a 250-500 word essay. The title and topic must be: "How the Founders' Scholarship will benefit the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the electrical industry." The essay must be typed and double-spaced.
7. Applicants must submit a test score from the SAT I or the ACT. **NO OTHER TESTING SERVICES ARE ACCEPTABLE.** Archived scores or new test registration may be obtained by contacting: SAT ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)) or ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)). To send scores directly to the IBEW Founders' Scholarship, the code numbers are 0485 for SAT and 0697 for ACT. It is strongly suggested that any new test taken should be the SAT I.
8. Materials need not be sent at the same time but must be postmarked prior to May 1 of the scholarship year.

### Selection of Winners

Awards will be based on academic achievement and potential, character, leadership, social awareness and career goals.

The independent Founders' Scholarship Selection Committee will be composed of academic, professional and community representatives. They will examine the complete record of each scholarship applicant to choose the winners. All applicants will be notified, and the scholarship winners will be featured in the *Electrical Worker*.

### Responsibility of Each Founders' Scholar

Scholarship winners must begin their studies in their next term or, at the latest, in January of the following year. Each term's earned grades must be sent to the Founders' Scholarship Administrator, together with a Founders' Scholarship Progress Sheet. After the first calendar year in the program, and by each August 1 thereafter, the annual Founders' Scholar paper is due. It must be at least 1,000 words on a labor-related topic, covering any aspect affecting the current labor movement or labor history. Scholarships are not transferable and are forfeited if the student withdraws or fails to meet the requirements for graduation from the school. If a serious life situation arises to prevent continuation of studies, the scholarship winner may request that the scholarship be held in abeyance for a maximum of one academic year.

## APPLICATION

Please print or type

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

SS/SIN # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Member of local # \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Initiated into IBEW \_\_\_\_\_  
*On IBEW Membership Card or Dues Receipt* *Month/Year*

Most recent employer \_\_\_\_\_

Job classification \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to study for a \_\_\_\_\_

degree in \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Field of study must contribute to the development and improvement of the electrical industry as determined by the Founders' Scholarship Administrator.*

List your first and second choices for school:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

Did you complete high school or the GED? Yes  No

*Send transcripts or other evidence to the Scholarship Committee.*

Did you have the opportunity to take apprenticeship or skill improvement training? Yes  No

*Send transcripts or your courses to the Scholarship Committee.*

Do you have any education certificates or professional licenses? Yes  No

*Send evidence to the Scholarship Committee.*

Have you taken any college courses? Yes  No

*Send transcripts of all college courses to the Scholarship Committee.*

Name used on class records \_\_\_\_\_

When did you take the SAT I or the ACT? (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

*To submit new test scores, it is strongly suggested that you take the SAT I.*

*We will use your highest score; therefore, it is in your best interest to retake the test.*

The creation of this scholarship program is a free act of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The IBEW retains its right to alter, suspend, cancel or halt the IBEW Founders' Scholarship Program at any time and without giving any reason, provided that each scholarship winner already in school under the program will continue to receive the stipends until graduation or the receipt of \$24,000 for undergraduate study under his/her IBEW Founders' Scholarship—which ever comes first.

My signature is evidence that I understand and agree to all the rules governing the scholarship as listed on this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Mail application materials postmarked prior to **May 1** to:

**IBEW FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
900 Seventh Street, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

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