

# IBEW FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP

AWARDED ONLY TO IBEW MEMBERS

The IBEW Founders' Scholarships honor the dedicated wiremen and linemen 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 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.

- Applicants must have been in continuous good standing and have paid dues without an Honorary Withdrawal for the four years preceding May 1 of the scholarship year, or be charter members of a local union.
- Each applicant must be recommended in writing by the local union business manager. If there is no office of business manager, then the recommendation must come from the local union president, system council chairman or general chairman.
- At least two additional letters of recommendation must be sent by individuals who are familiar with the applicant's achievements and abilities.
- Copies of all academic transcripts from high school, college, apprenticeship, or other educational and developmental programs must be submitted.
- A complete personal résumé is required. The résumé should outline education and work history, any special honors or awards, military service, plus involvement in union, local, civic, community and religious affairs.
- Applicants are required to submit a 250-500 word essay. The title and topic must be: "How the Founders' Scholarships will benefit the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the electrical industry." The essay must be typewritten and double-spaced.
- 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 (609)771-7600, www.collegeboard.org, SAT Program, Box 6201, Princeton, NJ 08541-6201; or ACT Records (319)337-1313, www.act.org, ACT Records, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, IA 52243-0168. 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.
- 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 *IBEW Journal*.

### 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 college. 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.

### Free Act of the IBEW

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 scholarship winners already in college under the program will continue to receive the stipends until graduation or the receipt of \$24,000 for undergraduate study under their IBEW Founders' Scholarships—whichever comes first.

## APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print or type)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Member of Local #: \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(On IBEW Journal Address Label or Dues Receipt)

Initiated into IBEW: \_\_\_\_\_  
(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 college:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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 of your courses to the Scholarship Committee.)

Do you have any education certificates, awards, 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 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 may be in your best interest to retake the test.)

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, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001