

**UNITED STEELWORKERS DISTRICT 1
WOMEN OF STEEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

RULES OF COMPETITION

Scholarship award shall be made on the basis of a lottery drawing of those qualified applicants meeting all the application requirements.

CONDITIONS OF A ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP: The individual who is awarded a scholarship will have arrangements made for payment of their scholarship, after he/she presents evidence that he/she has been accepted as a freshman student in an institution accredited by a regional association of colleges or by a state department of education. FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS will be paid on a pro rata basis toward tuition to the accredited college or university of the student's choice for each academic year for a maximum of four years, except that an adjustment in the schedule of payments will be made in the case of an individual following an accelerated program which will result in a bachelor's degree in less than the normal four years. A scholarship recipient will be limited to a total of five (5) years in which to complete the four-year undergraduate study leading to a bachelor's degree.

CONDITIONS OF A TECHNICAL/TRADE/ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP: The individual who is awarded a Technical/Trade/Online Scholarship will have arrangements made for payment of their scholarship, after they present evidence that he/she has been accepted as a freshman in an institution recognized as an accredited technical/trade/online school in the United States. The scholarship (\$1500 total value) will be paid on a pro rata basis relative to the number of years of the selected technical/trade/online program. A Technical/Trade/Online Scholarship recipient will be limited to a total of four (4) years to complete the certification or associate degree program. Examples include: Medical or Dental Assistant, Phlebotomist, Cosmetology, Auto Mechanics, Medical Transcription, Dental Assistant, Culinary Trades, Reclamation, Graphic Arts, etc.

If it becomes necessary for a scholarship winner to interrupt their education and if they intend to continue at a future date, they shall request a leave of absence by written application to the United Steelworkers District 1 Women of Steel Scholarship Committee stating the reasons for such leave. Should the reasons stated in the application be acceptable to the United Steelworkers District 1 Women of Steel Scholarship Committee, they may grant a leave of absence not to exceed one year.

Payments will continue to be made so long as a student maintains an academic status acceptable to the college, university, trade, technical or online school (including a student on probation) and maintains a full-time status as a student. This information will be obtained by the scholarship recipient from the college, university, trade, technical or online school the student is attending and be provided to the Scholarship Committee.

Students who are awarded other scholarships may continue to receive the United Steelworkers District 1 Women of Steel Scholarship in all cases. There are NO RESTRICTIONS as to the curriculum a student may follow, except that it be one that will normally lead to a recognized bachelor's degree or technical/trade/online certification or associate degree.

At the time of the lottery drawing, the first two (2) qualified applicants drawn for each of the two categories of scholarships shall be deemed the winners of the applied-for scholarship. A second drawing shall be made to select an alternate winner for each scholarship to be named in the event the successful candidate for a scholarship forfeits the scholarship.

If a candidate who has been awarded a scholarship fails to register in a college or withdraws after a period of attendance, the Scholarship Committee shall then notify the alternate who is eligible to receive the unused portion if presently attending college. In the event the alternate decides not to accept, the unused portion of the Award shall then revert to the Scholarship Fund.

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION: After the Application Form is completed, the candidate shall (A) have it signed and stamped with the Local Union Seal by an official of his/her parent's or guardian's Local Union of the United Steelworkers, stating that the candidate is eligible for the competition according to the rules; and (B) by the Principal or Guidance Counselor of his/her High School, stating the candidate is graduated or will graduate prior to his/her enrollment at the university or college of his/her choice. A copy of the applicant's transcript for the first half of graduating year must be provided.

ESSAY JUDGING: A point value will be assessed for each essay. The essay initially will have a point value of 5. Points will be deducted as follows:

1. Failure to write the essay on the listed essay topic: -5 points
2. Punctuation errors: -1 point per punctuation error
3. Grammar errors: -1 point per grammatical error
4. Misspelled words: -1 point per misspelled word

The essay must have a 3-point value in order for the application to be considered complete and eligible for the lottery drawing.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE: All matters pertaining to this Scholarship Program will be decided by the United Steelworkers District 1 Women of Steel Scholarship Committee, whose decision will be final. Winners will be notified of the award and announcement of their names will be published on the USW District 1 website.

Any student who participates in any anti-labor demonstration will be disqualified from a scholarship from the United Steelworkers District 1 Women of Steel Scholarship Program.