

SMART Local 265

Labor Management Cooperative Committee

Scholarship Program

THE PROGRAM

The SMART Workers' Local 265 Labor Management Cooperative Committee (SMART Local 265 LMCC) has established a scholarship program to assist members, their spouses and their children who plan to continue their education in college. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America®. Scholarship America is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the SMART Local 265 Labor Management Cooperative Committee Scholarship Program must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a member in good standing of SMART Local 265, or the legal spouse of such a member, or a dependent child (as defined by IRS rules) up to age 23 of such a member.
 - Be a high school senior, a high school graduate (or have received a GED diploma), or a current postsecondary undergraduate with a minimum 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent.
 - Be accepted and plan to enroll in full time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.
 - Be a United States citizen.
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AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$4,000 award. Up to five (5) awards will be granted each year. Awards are not renewable, however, students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **April 1**. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, an outside appraisal, and response to an essay question. A greater importance is placed on the student's response to the essay question than the other areas. Financial need is not considered.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or member of SMART Local 265 play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in mid-May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf of SMWIA Local 265 LMCC. Payments are made in equal installments in mid-August and mid-December. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to SMWIA Local 265 LMCC. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship America of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

SMART Local 265 LMCC reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

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Scholarship Program
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