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JAMES R. HOFFA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HOFFA SCHOLARSHIPS MEET WIDE-RANGING NEED FOR COLLEGE TUITION

WASHINGTON – September 6, 2024 – Hundreds of scholarships from the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund valued at \$1.2 million were awarded this year to the sons and daughters of Teamster members in the United States and Canada. Since the Fund’s beginnings in 1999, more than \$14.5 million in tuition dollars have been awarded to students planning to attend a four-year college or a vocational/training program.

“The Fund helps to ease the financial burden of Teamster children and their families because of the high cost of college tuition,” said James P. Hoffa, Teamsters General President Emeritus. “We have heard from many parents of student winners who express their gratitude and told us how much the awards mean to their families. My father, James R. Hoffa, devoted his life to working families and would have been proud of the support the Fund has given to Teamster families.”

A vocational/training program winner, Harold, wrote, “Thank you James R. Hoffa Memorial for accepting me for this scholarship. I will use it toward my tuition at school to study diesel engine repair and chassis fabrication. Thank you for choosing me for the award.”

And, a parent of a winner wrote, “I wanted to take a moment out to thank you all for selecting my daughter as a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship via the James R. Hoffa Scholarship Program...I am sure you had many people apply and I am so proud that you have selected my daughter to be one of the lucky ones to receive this award!!! I am a proud Teamster and a Steward.”

Another winner added, “I am honored to be one of this year’s recipients of the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to your generosity, I’m able to further my education and I will be pursuing a degree in Ceramic Engineering. With your support, I will be able to partake in student design and organizations like the Society of Women Engineers. I hope to one day solve real world problems with the skills I will learn and to help fight the world energy crisis.”

About The James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund:

*James R. Hoffa became a Teamster member in 1934 and served as General President for 14 years, and, in recognition of his tireless service to the union and its members, was honored as General President Emeritus. The JRHMSF is an independent organization established and registered as a tax-exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Fund is established solely to provide scholarships to the child or dependent of a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and contributions to the Fund are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent permitted by law. *The application process for high school seniors will open at the end of November and will be posted on the website www.jrhmsf.org*

Attachment: 2024 Winners List



Hoffa Scholarships Totaling \$1.2 million Awarded in 2024 to Sons & Daughters of Teamsters

High school seniors who are the sons, daughters and financial dependents of Teamster members were awarded \$1.2 million in college and vocational program scholarships this year by the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Applicants apply for academic scholarships if they are planning to attend a four-year college or university and these scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Vocational/Training program scholarships are also available and they range from \$500 to \$2,000. Prior winners have attended the University of California, McMaster University and Boston University and pursued vocational programs in aviation mechanics, nursing, film arts and bioengineering.

The Fund has been awarding scholarships since its founding in 1999 as a tribute to James R. Hoffa, Teamsters General President Emeritus. Hoffa believed in the power of education, saying, "Education must be the birthright of every American, not just the children of privilege."

\$10,000 Awardees - 2024

CANADIAN REGION

Kendra Avery, Local 855
Janina Escudero, Local 31
Madison Farr, Local 31
Rheanna Garcia, Local 213
Ailish Hurley, Local 31
Cassie McNutt, TCRC
Nicholas Plumb, TCRC
Nathan Ribble, Local 879
Emily Riddle, TCRC
Carla Rodriguez, Local 879
Asra Sidik, Local 31
Angelina Sonsoiy, Local 464
Methun Subendran, Local 647

CENTRAL REGION

Paul Biernat, Local 743
Brooke Byerly, Local 284
Ariana Carrasquillo, Local 293
Alexandra Chipps, Local 554
Brayden Clarke, Local 320
Tyler Dinh, Local 838
Joseph Gelonese, Local 703
Megan Griffey, BLET
Samantha Jackson, Local 1224
Gavin Jernigan-Puett, BLET
David La Barbera, Local 710
Grace Laura, Local 243
Haddon Lockyer, Local 175
Lainee Partin, BLET
Georgia Pastucha, Local 627
Sophia Purgar, Local 407
Lorelai Sell, Local 243
Faith Smith, Local 710
Aubrey Stewart, BMWED

William Sundvor, BLET
Gianna Switalski, Local 214
Samuel Tellefson, Local 916
Sophia Voiles, Local 2727
Elizabeth Wazio, Local 727

EASTERN REGION

Olivia Barbarossa-Robinson, Local 264
Sarah Brannigan, Local 831
Alexandra Browne, Local 261
Nicolas Cavalluzzi, Local 804
Kiana Coppa, Local 59
Nicholas Corsetti, Local 456
Alessia Costanzo, BMWED
Eddy Cruz, Local 469
Doran Faith, Local 77
Nicholas Heffner, Local 773
Kyle Huynh, Local 384
Payton Kane, Local 1150
Shyna Kataria, Local 830
Clyde Lambert, Local 25
Coleman Lambirth, BLET
Tyler Lawton, Local 493
Kayla Pollio, Local 237
Kyrie Robertson, Local 570
Alexander Simonson, Local 623
Bryan Yerina, Local 449

SOUTHERN REGION

Sheyna Arrieta, Local 745
Michaela Bartley, Local 769
Amelia Cole, Local 519
Evan Combs, Local 19
Susan Gaston, Local 612
Alethea Masias, Local 988
Amaya Morene, Local 947

Carmen Perez, Local 657
Lacie Rusk, BLET
Jera Schuerman, BMWED
Joselyne Segura, Local 767
Auran Summers, Local 767
Thomas Ta, Local 19
Samuel Williams, Local 612

WESTERN REGION

Elyse Ardolino, Local 399
Mia Baldivia, Local 683
Rakib Biswas, Local 572
Lanae Burkhart, Local 1699
Carlos Cano, Local 665
Ella Cunningham, Local 455
Deanna Estrada, Local 911
Laura Fernandez, Local 70
Murphie Flippence, Local 222
Yasmine Gomez, Local 896
Hailey Hendrickson, Local 2
Kassidy Jack, Local 252
Dmytro Kublytskyi, Local 455
Alice Li, Local 665
Lauren Linares, Local 1699
Lindsey MacDonald, Local 305
Kian Magas, BLET
Randi Ortega, Local 763
Jhayrolle Ramirez, Local 305
Ricardo Ruvalcaba, Local 856
Roquel Salomon, Local 853
Anika Schramm, Local 162
Skylar Smith, Local 2
Michelle Vong, Local 70

\$1,000 (Bootstrap) Awardees - 2024

CANADIAN REGION

Christina Baggetta, Local 230
Harisanth Balakumaran, Local 647
Rainna Baverstock, Local 213
Samantha Caleta, Local 213
Joshua Chavez, Local 31
Alexander da Palma, Local 213
Guneet Dhunna, Local 938
Heather Fung, Local 31
Telaya Geissler, Local 31
Eleias Haidary, Local 938
Alexis Iles, Local 979
Peytin Johnson, Local 395
Jenna Leong, Local 464
Lucas McCurdy, Local 879
Joyze Mendoza, Local 419
Collin Morrow, Local 938
Owen Neviud, Local 31
Karen Nkrumah, Local 987
Johann Panotes, Local 979
Trusha Prajapati, Local 647
Alysha Romano, Local 31
Karissee Rosimo, Local 938
Marsten Sequeira, Local 464
Alex Shen, Local 31
Chloe Sobering, Local 31
Si Moon Song, Local 31
Duaa Wasim, Local 938
Naba Wasim, Local 938

CENTRAL REGION

Miranda Adler, Local 20
John Adreani, Local 705