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Office of the International Secretary-Treasurer

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All ATU Local Union Presidents and Financial Secretaries

FROM: Oscar Owens, International Secretary-Treasurer

DATE: October 6, 2017

RE: 2018 Tommy Douglas Memorial Scholarship

Attached for your review and duplication is the official 2018, Tommy Douglas Memorial Scholarship application and instructions for potential applicants.

The 2018 scholarships are in remembrance of the man who led the fight in Canada to provide health insurance for all. Thomas Clement "Tommy" Douglas, who passed away on February 24, 1986, was often called "the greatest Canadian."

A Baptist minister and champion boxer, he left the pulpit for a political platform. A powerful orator and tireless activist, he was elected to serve as a member of Saskatchewan's Parliament, and later, Premier of the province – an office he held for 17 years. He introduced the continent's first single-payer, universal health care program; a program that would eventually be adopted across Canada.

After setting up the Saskatchewan Medicare Program, Douglas was elected as the first leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP), formed in 1935 to advance the cause of Labour. He was a strong advocate of the Canada Pension Plan and was considered the "conscience" of Parliament on matters of civil liberties

We hope the recipients of this year's scholarship, named in his honor, will use them in part to study union and community organizing, and grow to fight injustices everywhere.

This year, the program will consist of **five scholarships each in the amount of \$8,000**. In addition, a **\$2,000.00**, scholarship may be awarded to a technical or vocational school applicant.

Please make this information available to your members by duplicating these forms. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Attachments:

2018 ATU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In Memory Of: Thomas Clement “Tommy” Douglas

Five \$8,000 scholarships are awarded each year. A sixth \$2,000 scholarship is available for award to an applicant who will attend a technical or vocational post-secondary school. The competition is open to ATU members, their children and grandchildren. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and satisfy these Rules and Procedures. For each scholarship winner, the ATU will deposit up to \$8,000 with an accredited college, or a technical or vocational post-secondary school where the award winner will be attending.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY

1. **Applicants must be either:**
 - a member of the ATU in good standing;
 - the child (whether natural or legally adopted) or stepchild of a member in good standing, or of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of his or her death;
 - a grandchild (whether natural or legally adopted) of a member in good standing, or of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of his or her death

2. **Applicants must be high school seniors** planning to enter college (or technical or vocational post-secondary school) *for the first time* following graduation during the 2017 - 2018 school year, or **previous high school graduates that have never attended college.**

3. **ATU Scholarships are NOT available to the following persons:**
 - those who do not intend to work without interruption toward a bachelor degree or graduation from a technical or vocational school,
 - those who are attending or have already attended college, technical or vocational school,
 - spouses of members,
 - ATU International Officers, International Representatives, staff, and other employees or their dependents, or
 - those who are fully funded for tuition, fees, and books from other sources.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Completed official application form

1. Official application forms can be obtained from any ATU local union, or contact Doreen Price, at the ATU Scholarship Program Office, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903, Tel: (toll free) 1-888-240-1196 or email (dprice@atu.org). You may also use the copy published in our *In Transit* magazine or download a copy from our website. www.ATU.org.
2. Completed applications must be sent by first class mail to the ATU Scholarship Program Office at the above address.
3. Applications must be:

POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2018

Applications postmarked after this date will not be accepted

4. Upon receipt of the application by the ATU Scholarship Program Office, applicants will receive the following materials by return mail:
 1. Scholarship questionnaire
 2. Bibliography of suggested references for the essay

SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Applicants must sign the authorization statement for the release of the information requested in the Scholarship Questionnaire.
2. The form should then be presented for completion to the principal or guidance counselor of the school attended by the applicant.
3. Applicants are responsible for completing the questionnaire in its entirety and submitting all required information.
4. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that this form is returned to the ATU Scholarship Program Office at:

10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903

POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2018

ESSAY

1. Applicants are required to write an essay of no less than 500 words and no more than 750 words in English, French or Spanish, on the subject of:

**"Organized Labor's Contribution
to the Welfare of the People of the United States"**

For residents of the United States

or

**"Organized Labour's Contribution
to the Welfare of the People of Canada"**

For residents of Canada

NOTE: The essay will be evaluated on an analysis of the topic - the facts and arguments that are presented, as demonstrating that the student understands the topic, and the effectiveness of the essay in demonstrating how organized labor benefits everyone, whether they are union members or not. Grammar, style, organization and presentation will also be evaluated.

2. Essays must be sent, preferably with the Scholarship Questionnaire, by first class mail to the ATU Scholarship Program Office at:

10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903.

POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2018

*******DEADLINES*******

All deadlines will be strictly enforced. Any application which is incomplete or not postmarked on time will not be considered.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The ATU International shall appoint a Selection Committee of community, academic, and labor leaders. No ATU officer, member, staff or employee shall participate in the final selection process.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of their scholastic record, involvement in community, extra-curricular activities, and the quality of the essay submitted.

The Committee shall select five academic scholarship winners and five alternates, and one technical or vocational scholarship winner and an alternate. Decisions of the Committee shall be final.

If a recipient is disqualified due to a failure to fulfill all Scholarship Program requirements, the ATU Scholarship will be awarded to the next qualified alternate.

The recipient(s) will be notified by mail of their award, and will also be given a form to complete in order to obtain the scholarship funds. Upon the return of the required information, a check will be issued to the university or vocational school in the appropriate amount. The award will be restricted to the payment of tuition, books, and associated fees.

Only winners will be notified of the awards and a full list of winners will be posted in the fall issue of the In Transit Magazine.

AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM - FALL 2018 TERM

Return completed application **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2018** to:

ATU Scholarship Program
Amalgamated Transit Union
10000 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20903

Name of Applicant: Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____
(Circle Preferred) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State/Province, Zip/Postal Code)

Phone Number: _____

Name of Sponsoring ATU Member: _____

ATU Member's Local Union Number: _____

Relationship of applicant to ATU member: self ___ child ___ stepchild ___ grandchild ___

High School: _____ **Month & Year of Graduation:** _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State/Province, Zip/Postal Code)

Name of Principal: _____

List in order of preference, the accredited colleges, technical or vocational institutions to which you are applying for admission (**no abbreviations**):

- 1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature Date