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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All ATU Local Union Presidents and Financial Secretaries  
FROM: Oscar Owens, International Secretary-Treasurer *OO*  
DATE: October 28, 2019  
RE: 2020 Lawrence J. Hanley Memorial Scholarship

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Attached for your review and duplication, is the official 2020 ATU Memorial Scholarship application and instructions for potential applicants.

This year's scholarships are in remembrance of former International President Lawrence J. Hanley, who passed away on May 7, 2019.

Hanley devoted more than 40 years of his life to the ATU and the broader labor movement. He was a tireless and tenacious advocate for his members, transit riders, and all trade unionists. Hanley began driving a bus in 1978, at age 21, in Brooklyn, NY, and attended his first union meeting that September as a member of the Transport Workers Union (TWU). In 1979, he transferred to Staten Island and became a member of ATU Local 726-Staten Island, NY. In 1984, Hanley was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Local and in 1987, he was elected President, the youngest in the Local's history. Hanley would go on to be re-elected to five terms. In that role, he pioneered worker-rider organizing, leading thousands of union members and transit riders in a successful effort to reform the way transit service was provided on Staten Island, NY.

In 2002, Hanley was asked by International President Jim La Sala to join the staff of the International as an International Representative. In February 2004 he was appointed as an International Vice President (IVP) and elected as an IVP at the ATU 54<sup>th</sup> International Convention in 2004. At the ATU 56<sup>th</sup> International Convention in 2010, Hanley was elected as International President. Under Hanley's leadership, the ATU was transformed into one of the fiercest and most progressive unions in the labor movement, aggressively advocating for more and better public transportation and fighting for social, racial, and economic justice for all working people.

We hope the recipients of this year's scholarships 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 \$8,000.00**. 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:

**AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
**OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM - FALL 2020 TERM**

Return completed application **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2020** 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

# **2020 ATU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

## **In Memory Of: Lawrence J. Hanley**

Five \$8,000.00 scholarships are awarded each year. A sixth \$2,000.00 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 \$8,000.00 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 2019 - 2020 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 PROCEDURE**

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 of the application 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. (email submissions are not accepted)
3. Applications must be:

**POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2020.**

**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 by the established deadlines.
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, 2020**

## 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, 2020**

**\*\*\*\*\*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 and 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 one 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 release 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.

**Please Note: Only winners will be notified of the awards and a full list of winners will be posted in the 2020 fall issue of the In Transit Magazine.**