Scholarship Contest Rules, Instructions, and Application

Applications and additional required material will be accepted between November 1, 2026 and March 1, 2027. A U.S. Postal Service official postmark of March 1, 2027 will be accepted.

In order to ensure applications are processed in a timely fashion, applications received more than five business days after the postmark deadline of March 1, 2027 will not be accepted.

We are aware that some college acceptance letters will not have been distributed before this deadline. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to submit all other materials on time, and supplement their application with the acceptance letter **as soon as possible, and in any event no later than March 31, 2027.** Only COMPLETE applications will be eligible for an award.

Forty (40) college scholarships of $2,500 each will be awarded to the children of members of Pipe Trades Local Unions affiliated with the California State Pipe Trades Council.

These scholarships must be used for full-time undergraduate study at an accredited U.S. community college, four-year college, or university. The California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation will not impose restrictions of any kind on the course of study. Recipients may accept any other grants or awards which do not rule out scholarship aid from other sources.

Who May Apply

Children of U.A. members may apply. The member must be a parent, legal guardian, or custodial step-parent of the applicant and must be a current member, in good standing for a least a full year, of a Local Union affiliated with the California State Pipe Trades Council. Students' transcripts must reflect a cumulative, unweighted grade point average of no less than 2.5.

The Applicant

- ***High school seniors*** graduating in June 2027 and planning to attend a U.S. community college, 4-year college, or university during the coming academic year must provide an official high school transcript as well as proof of enrollment at, or acceptance to, a community college, four-year college, or university.

- ***Full-time community college students*** must provide an official community college transcript verifying full-time attendance. Full-time community college students planning to attend a U.S. 4-year college or university during the coming academic year must provide an official community college transcript verifying full-time attendance, as well as proof of enrollment at, or acceptance to, a four-year college or university.

- ***Full-time students currently attending a U.S. 4-year college or university*** and continuing full-time attendance during the coming academic year must provide an official college or university transcript verifying full-time attendance.

    ⇒ If the school transcript does not list your "classes in progress," you must provide documentation that clearly verifies your current full-time registration.

Please note: Proof of application to colleges/universities does not meet the required proof of enrollment or acceptance.

Most schools have a processing period for transcripts – we **strongly** advise getting your transcripts as early as possible to ensure they arrive before the deadline.

Awarding Scholarships

After verifying the eligibility of the applicants, the California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation will submit completed applications for judging by an external, independent panel comprised of professional educators through the University of California Berkeley.

Applicants will receive points based upon the following criteria: academic achievements (2); school activities (2); community service (2); application form (2); essay style (4); and essay content (8) -- a possible total of 20 points. The University Scholarship Selection Committee will submit the list of scholarship finalists to the California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the California State Pipe Trades Convention in May.

Winners will be notified and presented award checks by the Business Manager of their parent's Local Union. Please contact your local if you have questions about award checks.

Instructions

The following items must be received:

1.) Application - to be completed by the applicant; Note: under "Information Pertaining to Qualifying Parent," the applicant must ensure that the parent's **Local Union** completes the specified section at the bottom of the application, **including the Business Manager's signature**. Applications without the Business Manager's signature will not be accepted.

2.) An official school transcript as detailed under "Who May Apply," is to be submitted by a high school official or college official and mailed directly to the California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation. A transcript removed from the officially sealed school envelope, or in a school envelope with a broken seal, will not be accepted.

3.) Proof of enrollment at, or acceptance to, a community college or four-year college or university for the coming academic year.

4.) Letters of recommendation - applicant must submit one to three current letters of recommendation giving information about the applicant's character and ability. These letters may be from teachers, community leaders, family friends, or others who know the applicant. Please submit the letter(s) of recommendation with the application.

5.) 1,000-word essay on the following subject:

> California is facing a growing need to maintain and modernize its aging infrastructure, including water systems, hospitals, schools, housing, and public buildings. At the same time, many skilled trade workers are approaching retirement, creating a need to recruit and prepare the next generation of workers.

California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation Application

This is a partial scholarship to be applied toward the tuition, books and materials of the student selected to receive it. Scholarships will be awarded based on a point system. All information in this application and other required material will be held in strict confidence.

To apply you must be:

1) a high school graduate or the equivalent; OR currently enrolled full-time at a community college, accredited college or accredited university
2) enrolled in or accepted by a U.S. community college, or 4-year college or university for the coming academic year for full-time undergraduate study
3) the son or daughter of a current UA member (**your parent, custodial step-parent, or legal guardian**) in good standing and affiliated with the California State Pipe Trades Council. ***See pages 1 and 2 for complete rules.***

Applications and additional required material will be accepted November 1, 2026 through March 1, 2027.
Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. Please type or print in ink.
*An official postmark of **March 1, 2027** is the last postmark date that will be accepted for any submission.*
*Please note that we allow **five business days** to receive mail postmarked March 1, 2027.*

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone number(s) (_____) _____ (_____) _____

High school/college currently attending (name & city) _____

High school/G.E.D. graduation date _____

College/university where enrolled or accepted (name & city) _____

Provide below or by separate document an outline of achievements, honors, work experience, vocational or professional training, internships, certificates of proficiency, community service, hobbies and affiliations.

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Enclose with this application a 1,000-word essay on the topic featured in the Application Instructions.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE QUALIFYING PARENT

Parent's full name _____

IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS COMPLETED BY THE QUALIFYING PARENT'S **LOCAL UNION HALL AND SIGNED BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.**

The above named parent is a member of U.A. Local Union # _____ Initiation date _____

Union member in good standing for *one full year* prior to the Business Manager's date of signature below: YES _____ NO _____

BUSINESS MANAGER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

A strong pipeline into the skilled trades can help California address both challenges. Apprenticeships provide students with hands-on training, classroom education, and the skills needed to build and maintain critical infrastructure while developing stable, middle-class careers.

What can California do to encourage more young people to pursue careers in the skilled trades? In your answer, discuss the value of apprenticeship programs, the importance of skilled trades workers to California's future, and how expanding opportunities in the trades can benefit individuals, families, and communities..

It is the responsibility of the applicant to see that all the above items are received on time at the following address:

California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation
1121 L Street, Suite 601
Sacramento, CA 95814

For applications being sent close to the deadline, we encourage you to use an overnight or priority mail service through USPS or UPS. Applications postmarked March 1, 2027, but not received within five business days will not be accepted. Please check with your chosen mail service to ensure the application will arrive on time.