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**District 13**

**Larry Burchfield**

District Director

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Assistant to the Director

DATE: February 6, 2026

TO: District 13 Presidents and Recording Secretaries (TX)

FROM: Larry Burchfield, USW District 13 Director

SUBJECT: **PHILIP MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP – 2026**

In accordance with Resolution 2 of the First District 13 Conference, the Philip Murray Memorial Scholarship will be available again this year to members and outstanding sons and daughters of Steelworkers in this District. Please note: Retirees are considered honorary members and are, therefore, not eligible. Each scholarship is for \$1,500.00 to be applied on the expenses of the freshman year at any recognized college offering courses leading to a four-year degree. Full details are on the enclosed application.

In order that sons and daughters of local union members may compete for the scholarship, you are requested to do the following:

1. Read the announcement at the local union meetings, keeping in mind that the deadline for receipt of the application is **April 24, 2026**.
2. Post a copy on all plant bulletin boards and in the Union Hall.
3. Appoint a committee to see that a copy is posted on each high school bulletin board in your neighborhood. Check with your staff representative as this may have already been done.
4. Furnish applications to members who have eligible children or may themselves be eligible.
5. Notify laid-off members by mail.

I am sure that if a child of one of your members is a scholarship winner, he/she will appreciate your cooperation in this worthy project.

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Enclosures

Cc: Staff Representatives

# **RULES GOVERNING SELECTION OF WINNERS AND ADMINISTRATION OF PHILIP MURRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**SELECTION COMMITTEES:** The Selection Committee members will be chosen, where possible, by presidents of colleges or universities. Each Committee will be composed of five members. No member of the United Steelworkers will be present when the Committee meets to make its selections.

The Selection Committee will meet to review the applications and make their selections for the scholarship awards.

In making the selection, greatest weight shall be given to scholastic ability. Potential leadership ability shall be given secondary consideration. In the event the Committee finds two or more candidates equally qualified in these respects, it will consider the apparent desire of the candidates to render service to their communities, in the broadest sense.

Decision of the Selection Committees will be final. No correspondence in relation to such decisions will be undertaken, except to notify the winners, and to announce the names of the winners to the Local Unions.

**CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD:** Winners of the PHILIP MURRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS will have arrangements made for the payment of their first year's tuition, fees, and books up to a maximum of \$1,500 after they present evidence that they have been accepted as freshmen students in institutions accredited by a regional association of colleges, or by a State Department of Education. Any balance of the scholarship will be deposited with the official of each institution charged with administration of scholarships. Details of payment of the balance will be worked out by the student and such official, to cover as much as possible of rent, board, and incidentals.

Should the winner fail to register by December 1, 2026, the award will be invalid, and will go to the candidate next in line in judgment of the Selection Committee of his area. Should a winner fail to maintain at least a "C" average during the freshman year, payment may stop. Unused portions would revert to the Existence and Educational Council for distribution among the other winners.

The PHILIP MURRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP may be used at any accredited college or university in the United States or Canada. There are no restrictions as to the curriculum a winner may follow, except that it is one that will normally lead to a bachelor's degree. Students awarded other scholarships may continue to receive the PHILIP MURRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

**CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS:** As stated the scholastic record of each applicant must be supplied by the appropriate official of his or her high school. This may be done on the application form attached, or by attachment of a photo copy transcript of grades. In either case the official must sign the affidavit on the application form.

Please note that a section of the Scholarship Application is to be filled in by the Financial Secretary of the Local Union through which the application is being made. When so filled in and signed by the Financial Secretary the application will be accepted. If not, the application will be returned.

Once an application is forwarded to the Selection Committee, no further correspondence will be undertaken. Winners will be notified of the award and announcement of their names will be sent to all Local Unions.

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**PHILIP MURRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**  
For  
**Members and Sons and Daughters of Members**  
Of  
**UNITED STEELWORKERS - DISTRICT 13**

TEXAS - DOES NOT INCLUDE FORMER URW & ABG LOCALS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE  
PARTICIPATING IN THE EXISTENCE & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

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Seven scholarships, each with a value of \$1,500.00 are to be made available for use in the freshman year at any accredited college or university in the United States or Canada. They will be awarded in **June 2026** by the Existence and Educational Council, United Steelworkers, District 13. Winners of the scholarships will be selected by Selection Committees composed of professional educators.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE:** All candidates must have a "B" average or better, during the junior or senior year in high school to be eligible. Candidates must be high school graduates or members of high school classes graduating before **July 1, 2026**, entering their freshman year in college, university or trade school and must be either members, sons or daughters of members, or legal wards of members, of Local Unions affiliated with the Existence and Educational Council, District 13, United Steelworkers. The PHILIP MURRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS are unrestricted as to sex, race, religion, political affiliation, and intended course of study.

The Scholarships will be awarded on a geographical basis, to candidates residing in the following area:

**Seven in Sub-District 1 (Texas)**

This information is based on the relative distribution of members of the United Steelworkers.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applicants will fill out the attached application, except for the section to be filled out by the Local Union Financial Secretary. After completion of the application by the appropriate school official, applications should be mailed in an envelope addressed to The Scholarship Committee, United Steelworkers at the address listed below:

Yesenia Lupian, Administrative Assistant  
United Steelworkers  
319 Ibis St., Suite A, Webster, TX 77598  
(832) 556-0370

**CLOSING DATE:** To be considered application must be **postmarked NO LATER than April 24, 2026**. For additional copies of this announcement and application form, write or call the United Steelworkers at the above address, or feel free to make additional copies.

**PHILIP MURRAY SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**APPLICATION FORM**  
**FOR**  
**Members and Sons and Daughters of Members**  
**Of**  
**UNITED STEELWORKERS – DISTRICT 13**

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**TO BE FILLED BY FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF LOCAL UNION**

**Please type**

Related person a member of )	Self _____	Father _____
United Steelworkers )	Mother _____	Guardian _____
Name of Member (Print) _____		
Address of Member (Print) _____		
Employed at (Print) _____	(Employer) _____	(City) _____ (State) _____
<b><i>Local Union Number</i></b> _____		
Signed _____	Financial Secretary _____	

**The Applicant for Scholarship is to fill in the following information.**

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Print)  
(Where mail will always reach you) \_\_\_\_\_ (Street & Number) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

College – (University) Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of High School (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Number of Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_ Your Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_  
(ATTACH COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT)

SAT and/or ACT Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Total Score:  
(ATTACH COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT)

In what activities have you been or are you now active?

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List membership and position held in any organizations or societies to which you have belonged:

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What honors or special recognition have you received?

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Were you employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours per week? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby affirm that the above statements are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

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(Signature of Applicant)

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