



February 17, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Affiliates

FROM: Bethany Winkels, Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJ: **2026 MINNESOTA AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Minnesota AFL-CIO is proud to have scholarships available for union members and their dependents. Enclosed please find the 2026 Minnesota AFL-CIO scholarship application.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO scholarship will be awarded to **five (5)** recipients in 2025. **Four (4)** scholarships will be granted to **graduating high school seniors** who are **union members or the dependents of union members** who are going to college or community college in Minnesota, and **one (1)** to a student attending a trade school.

The scholarship application deadline is May 1, 2026.

See the enclosed scholarship form for details of eligibility requirements.

The application is enclosed and is also available on our website at www.mnaflcio.org.

if you have any questions regarding the scholarship programs offered by the Minnesota AFL-CIO, check out our website or contact Jessica Martin, at 612-666-7106 or by email jmartin@mnaflcio.org.

2026 Minnesota AFL-CIO Scholarships

UNIVERSAL APPLICATION FORM

(Entry Deadline: May 1, 2026)

The Minnesota AFL-CIO sponsors scholarships for high school seniors graduating in 2026. There are three requirements for the Minnesota AFL-CIO scholarships. To be eligible, you must:

- be a **union member** or a **dependent** of a union member whose local union is affiliated with the Minnesota AFL-CIO;
- A graduating high school senior;
- have a **straight “B” average** or better (*3.0 in a 4.0 grade point system*);
- attend a post-secondary institution located **within the state of Minnesota.**

Winners will be selected by lottery by the Minnesota AFL-CIO Education Committee.

Please submit ONE application only. Duplicate entries will be disqualified. Applications without Transcript attached will be disqualified.

Select One Option Only:

- Applying for college or university

DAVID K. ROE SCHOLARSHIP

(two \$1,000 scholarships awarded)

David Roe served as president of the Minnesota AFL-CIO from 1966 – 1985.

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY MEMORIAL AWARD

(two \$1,000 scholarships awarded)

Hubert Humphrey served as U.S. Senator from Minnesota, and Vice President of the United States.

- Applying for vocational/technical

DONALD PILLA MEMORIAL AWARD

(one \$1,000 scholarship awarded)

Donald Pilla was a young union trade unionist killed on the picket line.

PART 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT: (Please print or type)

Applicant

First Name

Last Name

Home Address

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

High School

Year of graduation

Parent's Name

Phone ()

(or Guardian)

AFL-CIO Local Union Affiliated
with the Minnesota AFL-CIO

Local No.

Name of International Union

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PART II – TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT: (Please print or type)

What is your post secondary education objective? _____

Which College, University or Vocational Technical or Trade School located *within the State of Minnesota* are you planning to attend? _____

PART III – TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL UNION OFFICER: (Please print or type)

I certify that _____
(applicant or parent or legal guardian of applicant)

is a member in
good standing of _____ Local No. _____
Name of International Union

and has held membership in this local union and that *our local union is an affiliate of the Minnesota AFL-CIO* (a requirement for the applicant’s eligibility).

Local Union Officer _____
Name Title

Union Address _____
Street City State Zip

Signature of officer _____

Email _____ Phone (____) _____

PART IV – TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, COUNSELOR, OR ADVISOR:

This applicant has at least a straight “B” average in senior high school.

Signature _____ Date _____
Principal or Counselor or Advisor

SPECIAL NOTE TO COUNSELOR: After Parts I, II, III and IV are completed, please attach to this an **official transcript** of the applicant’s high school record – including that of first trimester/quarter of senior year – and mail postmarked *no later than May 1, 2026*, to:

**Minnesota AFL-CIO
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