



Local Union 157 Scholarship Fund Information Packet

Brothers and Sisters of Union 157:

It is with great pleasure that we present you with this brochure offering a detailed explanation of the Carpenters Local 157 Scholarship Fund, sponsored by Local Union 157. This program has been designed to assist qualified applicants in attaining the benefits of a college education. The Carpenters Local 157 Scholarship Fund offers a way to express our continued efforts supporting education for our member's children.

16 scholarships will be awarded annually under this program for the academic year that begins with the fall semester. *Please see page 3 for application information and due dates.*

All phases of the scholarship competition, including selection of winners and operational activities are handled by International Scholarship & Tuition Services (ISTS).

The Awards

To start, there shall be 16 scholarships awarded (divided into two tiers) each year under this program. The scholarships are intended to offset the costs of attending college for the purpose of attaining a bona fide undergraduate degree. **Eight (8) first tier** scholarship awardees school shall be paid **\$6,000** per year for as many as four years, but not to exceed **\$24,000**. **Eight (8) second tier** scholarship awardees school shall be paid **\$3,000** per year for as many as four years, but not to exceed **\$12,000**.

Member Eligibility

Students will be considered eligible as candidates for a scholarship award provided one parent is a member in good standing for **five consecutive years**, according to the Financial Secretary, at the time the application is submitted. The member must continue their active membership, in good standing, with Local 157, in order for the child to continue receiving the award.

A deceased member's child will be considered an eligible candidate for a scholarship award if, at the time of death, the deceased member met the above requirements, and his or her child is at least 12 years of age.

The child of a Regular, Early Retired, or Disability Pensioner of Local Union 157 under New York City District Council of Carpenters Pension Fund will likewise be eligible if, at the time of his or her retirement, the pensioner met the above active member requirements and his or her child is at least 12 years of age, and the member remains active and in good standing at reduced rates.

Student Eligibility

To qualify, the applicant must be the natural or legally adopted child of an eligible member in good standing. The child of a deceased member will be considered eligible if, at the time of his or her death, the deceased member met the requirements of a member in good standing, and his or her child is at least 12 years of age.

Applicants will be considered eligible without regard to age provided they are unmarried and:

- Entering college as a freshman without prior college credits, or
- Entering college with prior college credit earned while completing the senior year of high school in either an Early Admission or Advanced Placement Program, or
- A mid-year graduate from high school, who entered college in the spring semester and who has earned one-half year's college credit.

Please Note: The winners of the Charles Johnson Scholarships will not be eligible for the Carpenters Local 157 awards. By eliminating duplication, more of the member's children will be recipients of scholarships made possible by the Union.

Requirements for Renewal of Scholarships

To qualify for renewal, the recipients must remain a full-time student in good academic standing. A student must complete a minimum of 12 credits per semester of 15 hours per quarter and obtain a GPA of at least a 2.0 in the first year and at least a 2.5 each year thereafter. **If these conditions are not met, the recipient is subject to forfeiture of said reward.**

Each award will be sent directly to the college at which the winner is enrolled. In order for the award to be released to the college, **Local 157 must first receive:**

- A letter from the Registrar's office verifying the student is a full-time undergraduate.
 - Registration must be received at the beginning of each academic year.
- **Official transcripts** sent directly from the college.
 - **Official transcripts** must be received at the end of each academic year.

The award will be credited to the winners account for payment of authorized college expenses (tuition, room and board for college operated accommodations, and all documented matriculation and other usual and similar fees).

Disbursements of stipends will be payable directly to the college and only to the college. Disbursements are subject to the college's scholarship policy and are made once a year.

Please Note: The award is subject to adjustment in the event the student receives other aid or attends a college other than the one listed. Any and all aid received from other sources must be reported to the Local Office, each year of disbursement. At that time, a determination of the award will be made. Other awards received must also be reported.

How to Apply

The application process occurs during the student's senior year of high school. Applications can be completed by visiting the ISTS website at <https://aim.applyists.net/Local157>.

[The online application is opens on September 15, 2020 and will remain open until December 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. CST.](#)

Applications received after the due date will not be accepted.

To submit SAT / ACT scores, a screen shot of the SAT / ACT score page can be off of the official website. This can then be uploaded and attached (in the proper file type) to the online application.

Other Scholarship Opportunities

Charles Johnson Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The New York City District Council of Carpenters offers a Scholarship Program, known as the "Charles Johnson Jr. Memorial Scholarship," through the Welfare Fund. This scholarship is for unmarried, dependent, natural, or adopted Children of eligible members. The International Scholarship and Tuition Services (ISTS), administers the Scholarship Program. For more information, please contact the NYCDCC at **(212) 366-7500** or visit www.nycbf.org.

The New York Building Industry Scholarship Program

The New York Building Industry Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Industry Advancement Program of the Building Contractors Association, Inc. The Scholarship awards are \$2,000 per year for a maximum of four years. Winners of the New York Building Industry Scholarship Program may attend any accredited four-year college or university in the United States and may select any course of study leading to a bachelor's degree. To apply, go to <https://aim.applyists.net/BCAIAP>.