



2024 Scholarship Application

I wish to apply for a 2024 UFCW Local 881 Charitable Foundation Scholarship Award. I understand that the decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee is final and I agree to abide by that decision. I also agree to all terms and conditions of the UFCW Local 881 Charitable Foundation Scholarship as presented in the Rules, Regulations, and Application Procedures document.

DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked by February 29, 2024.

All applications must include the following:

- Completed application form
- Written essay (topic described below)
- Applicant's official high school* and college (if applicable) transcripts; be sure GPA is included along with an explanation of how it is calculated (example: if your GPA is listed as 3.0, please document whether it is based on 4.0 or 5.0 scale)

**If applicant graduated from high school prior to 2019, a copy of his or her diploma can be submitted if transcripts are unavailable.*

Failure to complete any part of the application will remove it from consideration.

Essay Topic

Please write an essay addressing the topic:

Tell us about a specific time when your Union contract protected you, your coworkers, or your family. How is this different from what a non-union workers may encounter on the job? Why do you believe it is important to protect the rights of workers?

Please use your personal experience/viewpoint as well as research to back up your argument. Your essay should be typed, double-spaced, and should not exceed 1,200 words. The Scholarship Selection Committee will be looking for a demonstrated understanding of the American Labor Movement, description of personal experience, and evidence of some research of the topic as well as appropriate writing, grammar, and organizational skills.

NOTE: Handwritten essays will immediately disqualify your application.

The application form and all other requested materials must be postmarked by February 29, 2024.

Application should be filled out completely and returned with required materials to:

UFCW Local 881 Charitable Foundation
1350 E Touhy Ave., Suite 300E
Des Plaines, IL 60018
ATTN: Scholarship Selection Committee

– PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY–

Name _____
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Birthdate _____ Social Security # (last 4 digits) _____

Email Address _____

I am a Local 881 member Yes _____ No _____

I am employed by _____

Employer Address _____

I am a dependent of a Local 881 UFCW member Yes _____ No _____

Member's Name _____

Member's Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Member's Employer Name _____

Member's Employer Address _____

Member's Social Security # (last 4 digits) _____ Relationship to Member _____

How did you learn about the UFCW Local 881 Charitable Foundation Scholarship Program?

(Check all that apply)

- Website
- Meeting
- 881 Progress
- Worksite Flyer
- Union Rep.
- Facebook
- Other *(please describe)* _____

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2024 Scholarship Application (Continued)

Official UFCW Local 881 Charitable Foundation 2024 Scholarship Rules, Regulations, and Application Procedures

I am presently a High School Senior: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, I will graduate from High School in: Month _____ Year _____

I am a high school graduate enrolled, or planning to enroll, in college: Yes _____ No _____

I am presently a college student: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, the highest academic level I will have completed by June 2024, is (check one):

Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Other _____

Please list all school-related clubs, service organizations, and extracurricular activities in which you have taken part (include any offices held; attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Please list any non-school related activities (volunteer or charitable work, community service, civic or political affairs) in which you are active (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

What college do you attend or plan to attend? _____

Have you been accepted for enrollment? _____

What is your intended major? _____

Briefly explain your career goals: _____

Please read the enclosed Rules, Regulations, and Application Procedures. By submitting this application, you agree to all of its terms and conditions. Please provide the following signatures:

Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent or guardian _____ Date _____
(for applicants under 18)

The UFCW Local 881 Charitable Foundation scholarship will be awarded to a member or child of a member in good standing with Local 881 UFCW in accordance with the provisions of Local 881 and UFCW By-laws. This means that **the member must have been in continuous good standing with all dues fully paid for one year, with membership commencing on or before April 30, 2023.**

The member must also maintain membership in good standing until the time the award is presented in order to be eligible to receive a scholarship.

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2024; one each in Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, Southern Illinois, and Northwest Indiana. Winners are not eligible to receive more than one award. If a qualified applicant cannot be selected from any of the four regions, a scholarship will not be awarded for that region. One additional applicant, judged outstanding among all entries, will be chosen to receive a \$4,000 award. NOTE: Previous Local 881 UFCW Scholarship winners are not eligible to apply for these awards.

Applicants must be attending full-time, or accepted to attend full-time, an accredited college, university, community college, or recognized trade school at the time the award is presented. Applicants should complete and return the attached application and submit along with certain school documents. They will also be asked to write an essay, no longer than 1,200 words, on the labor topic listed on the application materials. Failure to fill out completely and legibly any portion of the application form, or to provide any of the requested documentation or other materials, will result in disqualification. All essays will remain the property of Local 881, and Local 881 retains the right to print any submitted essay in any of its publications or on its website. Local 881 also reserves the right to publicly use the names of the winners for promotion of its scholarship program and/or the UFCW Local 881 Charitable Foundation.

Applicants will be selected based on academic achievement, career goals, leadership, and a demonstrated understanding of the American Labor Movement. Scholarship recipients will be selected by an independent panel of labor leaders, educators, civic leaders, and/or public officials and the decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final. Award winners only will be notified by June 1, 2024. Winners will also be required to provide the committee with official certification of acceptance, enrollment, and/or attendance at an accredited institution of higher learning prior to receiving their awards.