



NORTH ATLANTIC STATES REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS 2020 SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

1. Members in good standing and dependent children of members in good standing from any Local of the Council are eligible to apply. Grandchildren are eligible only if the grandparent is the legal guardian of the student. Children who are not legal dependents of a member are not eligible. Children of members who died within five years prior to January 1, 2020 are eligible.
 2. Applicants must be enrolled in a post-high school program.
 3. College level programs must consist of at least three courses of three credits each.
 4. Courses in technical or specialty schools such as automotive training, computer training, can qualify if the program is at least six months in duration, is full-time, and awards a certificate or diploma.
 5. Students must have a "C" average to apply.
 6. Students can apply for a scholarship each year throughout their undergraduate years (not to exceed four years). The Committee will have the final say as to a particular student's eligibility.
 7. Graduate students and students working toward a second bachelor's degree are not eligible.
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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants will be required to write an essay of between 500 and 1000 words on the following topic:

In 2019, union membership continued a long decline with a record low of only 10.5 percent of workers (14.7 million workers) belonging to unions, compared to 17.7 million workers, or about 20.1 percent of the workforce in 1983.⁽¹⁾ While membership in unions has been declining, public support for unions over the last eight years has been rising. A 2019 Gallup Poll found that sixty-four percent of Americans approve of labor unions, surpassing 60% for the third consecutive year and up 16 percentage points from its 2009 low point.⁽²⁾

Why do you believe that union membership has continued to decline while public support has continued to rise? What are three specific things that you believe that the next President could do to support the growth of unions?

1. Bureau of Labor Statistics and <https://thehill.com/homenews/news/426026-union-membership-falls-to-historic-low>).
2. (<https://news.gallup.com/poll/265916/labor-day-turns-125-union-approval-near-year-high.aspx>).

Applicants may submit their completed application (application, essay, proof of enrollment, and transcript) online (preferred), via email to applications@NASRCC.org; or mailed to: NASRCC Scholarship, 750 Dorchester Ave., Boston, MA 02125.

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020. Anything received after this time will not be accepted. Note: Essays that do not meet the word count criteria will be disqualified. If you use outside references or sources, please cite them. To eliminate bias, the scholarship committee is blind to the identity of the applicant. Essays are numerically coded to prevent any reader from having knowledge of the writer. Winners of the top two prizes will be asked to read their essays at the June 2020 delegate meeting. Persons awarded first or second place in a prior year are ineligible for first or second place in subsequent years.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application
 - School Transcript
 - Proof of college acceptance or proof of current student enrollment
 - Scholarship Essay
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