



# The Amalgamated Transit Union 2009 Scholarship Competition

IN MEMORY OF: OLIVER GREEN

The 2008-2009 scholarships are dedicated to the memory of former International Secretary-Treasurer Oliver Green, the first African-American to hold an ATU international executive office. Green was elected International Vice President in 1975, and remained in that position until he was elected International Secretary-Treasurer in 1989. He was re-elected IST at every subsequent Convention until his retirement in 2000. He died at the age of 77, on May 18, 2008. This year, the program will consist of five scholarships each in the amount of \$5,000. In addition, a \$2,000 scholarship may be awarded to a vocational school applicant.

## R U L E S   A N D   P R O C E D U R E S

### ELIGIBILITY

#### APPLICANTS MUST BE EITHER:

- 1.** a member of the ATU in good standing; **OR**  
the child (whether natural or legally adopted) or stepchild of a member or of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of his or her death.
- 2.** Applicants must be high school seniors planning to enter college (or technical or vocational post-secondary school) for the first time following graduation during the 2008-2009 school year, or previous high school graduates who have never undertaken post-secondary schooling.
- 3.** ATU Scholarships are **NOT** available to the following persons:  
those who do not intend to work without interruption toward a bachelor degree or graduation from a technical or vocational school,  
those who are attending or have already attended college, technical or vocational school,  
spouses and/or grandchildren of members,  
ATU International Officers, International Representatives, staff, and other employees or their dependents, and  
those who are fully funded for tuition, fees, and books from other sources.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Valid applications for the ATU Scholarship Program **MUST** include the following:

- Completed Official Application Form
- Scholarship Questionnaire
- Written Essay

### THE APPLICATION FORM

- 1.** Official Application forms can be obtained from any ATU local union or through the ATU Scholarship Program Office, 5025 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20016-4139, Tel: (toll free) 1-888-240-1196. You may also use the copy published in our *In Transit* magazine.
- 2.** Completed applications must be sent by first class mail to the ATU Scholarship Program Office at the above address.
- 3.** Applications must be **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2009**. Late applications will not be accepted.
- 4.** Upon receipt of the application by the ATU Scholarship Program Office, applicants will receive the following materials by return mail:
  - Scholarship Questionnaire
  - Bibliography of Suggested References for the Essay

# SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Applicants, and/or their parent or legal guardian, must sign the authorization statement for the release of the information requested in the Scholarship Questionnaire.
2. The form should then be presented for completion to the principal or headmaster of the secondary school attended by the applicant.
3. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that this form is returned to the ATU Scholarship Program Office **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2009.**

## ESSAY

1. Applicants are required to write an essay of no less than 500 words and no more than 750 words in English, French or Spanish on the subject of:

“Organized Labor’s Contribution to the Welfare of the People of the United States” (for residents of the United States)

**OR**

“Organized Labour’s Contribution to the Welfare of the People of Canada” (for residents of Canada)

**NOTE:** The essay will be evaluated on an analysis of the topic - the facts and arguments - that are presented as demonstrating that the student understands the topic, and the effectiveness of the essay in demonstrating how organized labor benefits everyone, whether they are union members or not. Grammar, style, organization and presentation will also be evaluated.

2. Essays must be sent, preferably with the Scholarship Questionnaire, by first class mail to the ATU Scholarship Program Office, **POST MARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2009.**

## DEADLINES

All deadlines will be strictly enforced. Any application which is incomplete or is not postmarked on time will not be considered.

## SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The ATU International shall appoint a Selection Committee of community, academic, and labor leaders. No ATU officer, member, staff or employee shall participate in the final selection process.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of their scholastic record, involvement in community, extra-curricular activities, and the quality of the essay submitted.

The Committee shall select five academic scholarship winners and five alternates, and one technical or vocational scholarship winner and alternate. Decisions of the Committee shall be final.

If a recipient is disqualified due to a failure to fulfill all Scholarship Program requirements, the ATU Scholarship will be awarded to the next qualified alternate.

The recipient(s) will be notified by mail of their award and will also be given a form to complete in order to obtain the scholarship funds. Upon the return of the required information, a check will be issued to the university or vocational school in the appropriate amount. The award will be restricted to the payment of tuition, books, and associated fees.



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# The Official 2009 Scholarship Application Form

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2009**

TO: ATU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, 5025 WISCONSIN AVE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20016

Please Print or Type

Name of Applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring ATU Member: \_\_\_\_\_

ATU Member's Local Union Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of ATU member to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Self, Child, Stepchild)

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Month & Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

List in order of preference, the accredited colleges, technical or vocational institutions to which you are applying for admission (no abbreviations):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature

Date