

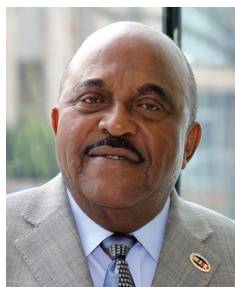


ATU SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

for the

2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR IN MEMORY OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER OSCAR “DOUBLE O” OWENS

OSCAR OWENS



International Secretary-Treasurer Oscar Owens passed away on October 25, 2019. Devoting more than 53 years of his life to the ATU, Owens maintained a fierce desire to continue serving the ATU up until his death. He leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of service and commitment to the ATU and the entire labor movement.

“Oscar was a beloved leader and a friend to our more than 200,000 members across the U.S. and Canada,” said ATU International President John A. Costa. “He helped lead our Union through some very turbulent and difficult times. Yet throughout his long tenure, Oscar was a savvy, stabilizing, and calm influence, unafraid to call out injustice and fight for a better life for our members, those they serve, and all working people.”

A U.S. Army veteran, Owens joined ATU Local 192-Oakland, CA, in 1966, as a bus operator for AC Transit. In 1973 he became a shop steward and rose to become its President and Business Agent. He then served the International for more than 37 years alongside six International Presidents, as a Special Organizer, an International Representative, an International Vice President, and International Secretary-Treasurer.

A founding member of the ATU Black Caucus, he was a strong voice in support of civil rights and the rightful place of African Americans within the leadership of the ATU and the entire labor movement.

“Like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Oscar believed ‘The labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress,’” Costa continued. “Affectionally known as ‘Double O,’ his signature call-to-arms, ‘Fired up and ready to go’ will echo in our Union forever.”



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THE OFFICIAL 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2021**

TO: ATU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, 10000 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, SILVER SPRING, MD 20903

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 applicant to ATU member: _____
(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 _____