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Local 527 Berardino Carrozzi Scholarship Awards

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Dear Member:

We are pleased to announce that this year marks the 20th anniversary of our scholarship program. This is a milestone we are incredibly proud of. Since its inception, our scholarship program has been dedicated to supporting talented individuals – our members' children – in achieving their educational goals, and we continue being committed to making a positive impact in their lives.

We are excited to share this significant milestone with all of you and express our sincere gratitude to the many members and their children that have been part of our scholarship journey so far and to the many more that will join the journey for many years to come.

To celebrate our 20th annual Scholarship Awards program for the 2024/2025 academic year, the Trustees will award **20** scholarships for the dependent children of LIUNA Local 527 members; \$3,000.00 will be awarded to selected applicants attending a **Canadian** University and \$2,000.00 will be awarded to selected applicants attending a **Canadian** College for the **2024/2025** academic year.

The Scholarships are not restricted to first-year students and may be awarded more than once. Also, more than one scholarship can be awarded to the same family with two or more dependents attending post-secondary school.

Please note that the Scholarships are restricted to members' children and that **members are not eligible to apply.**

LIUNA Local 527 Scholarship Fund will continue to offer children of qualifying members a Student Grant of \$500.00 if they have successfully completed the 2023/2024 academic year at a college or university and did not receive a scholarship award for that academic year.

The Scholarship Application Form and the Reference Form to apply for the Scholarship Awards and the Student Grant Application form to apply for the Student Grant can be found and are accessible on our website at <http://liunalocal527.com/benefits/scholarship-fund/scholarship-fund-forms/>. You can also access the Judges' Evaluation Sheet for information on how the Scholarship Applications are scored.

We recommend that you provide this information to your child/children that may qualify under the eligibility rules listed below. If unable to obtain the necessary documents online, please contact our office to request the forms that you require.

Please note students already attending post-secondary school who are on a full scholarship are not eligible for a scholarship award but may be eligible for the \$500.00 Student Grant.

There are two phases to the selection process. During Phase 1, applications submitted will be reviewed by the Trustees of the LIUNA Local 527 Scholarship Fund to determine the eligibility of the member.

In Phase I for all applicants to proceed to Phase II, members must meet the following criteria:

1. They must be working under a collective agreement requiring the Employer to make contributions to the Scholarship Fund.
2. They must have accumulated 500 hours in a 12-month period commencing January 1, 2023.
3. They must be in good standing with the union during the selection and awards process and during the accumulation of the above hours. For grants, members must be in good standings for 12 months consecutively (prior to applying).

If the member is determined eligible, the application will proceed to Phase II.

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All Applicants proceeding to Phase II must meet the following criteria to move forward:

1. They must be a person designated by the member on the Registration Form as a dependent at the LIUNA Local 527 Benefit Health and Safety Trust Fund office.
2. They must have started a program prior to turning 25 years of age.

For Scholarship Applicants (\$2,000.00 or \$3,000.00):

1. They must provide proof of acceptance in a Canadian College or University as a full-time student in a minimum two-year program and must provide proof of fees payment for the 2024/2025 fall/winter term; **The proof of payment may be submitted later but cannot be received later than September 30, 2024.**
2. They must provide proof of a minimum of 70% average (GPA equivalent) for the 2023/2024 school year.
3. They must provide a resume which will include a description of their community involvement/ volunteer work after school and extracurricular activities.
4. They must submit a Reference Form completed by an employer or a teacher indicating the work ethic of the individual.
5. They must submit a minimum 500 (and not more than 1000) word essay on the following topic: « **What innovative strategies can the union use to enhance worker representation and increase member participation to ensure their voice are heard and their needs are addressed effectively?** » All essays submitted become the property of the Scholarship Fund.
6. They must submit a completed Scholarship Application form which is enclosed together with the above documentation no later than July 5, 2024.

For Student Grant Applicants (\$500.00):

1. They must provide proof of successfully completing the 2023/2024 college or university year with a minimum average of 65% (GPA equivalent).
2. They must submit a completed Student Grant Application form together with the above documentation no later than July 5, 2024, including those applicants who will not be completing their school year until after the deadline. However, the required documentation may be submitted at a later date as indicated on the Student Grant Application but cannot be received later than September 30, 2024.

Applications meeting the above criteria will be evaluated by an Independent Selection Committee comprised of community leaders.

Please note that students who submitted a Scholarship application in 2023 and were not selected for a Scholarship award for the 2023 / 2024 academic year may qualify for the \$500.00 Student Grant; submission of proof of completing the 2023 / 2024 academic year and a completed Student Grant Application form is required.

Applicants for the Scholarship Awards will be notified in writing by the Fund of the outcome of the selection made by the Independent Selection Committee in August 2024. Information on the status of the application will not be given over the telephone.

Please note that Canada Revenue Agency (“CRA”) regulations require that a T4A be issued to individuals receiving a scholarship to be submitted with their tax returns.

We wish all applicants the best of luck.



Luigi Carrozzi,
On behalf of LIUNA Local 527 Scholarship Fund