



UNITY AND STRENGTH FOR WORKERS

## District 11

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**TO:** All Welfare & Education Fund Participating Local Union Presidents,  
Recording Secretaries and Unit Presidents in District 11

**RE:** A. F. KOJETINSKY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Enclosed you will find an *Application for Certification* for our two annual scholarship competitions. This certification form is valid for either the **A. F. Kojetinsky Memorial Scholarship** or the **A. F. Kojetinsky Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship**. The **Memorial Scholarship** was developed to help students planning to pursue a four-year college degree and the **Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship** was developed for students who choose to pursue career or technical training as opposed to a four-year college experience. Instructions for both scholarships are also enclosed.

*It is very important that you make every effort to tell your members about these two scholarships, especially the vocational (career two-year) scholarship. The vocational scholarship was implemented in 2011 and the number of students who have completed the application process in the past few years has been minimal at best. If the number of applicants does not increase, it could jeopardize the existence of the vocational scholarship program.*

Please make copies of the blank application form and the accompanying information available to all members of your Local Union. If a bulletin board is available, please post copies for both of the programs. If you need additional application blanks, contact my office at (612) 623-8045.

**Please note that on the back of the application it is required that the *Certificate of Local Union Official* portion be signed by one of the top five Officers and stamped with the Local Union Seal. The *Certificate of High School Principal* portion must also be completed in order for the application to be eligible for the competition.**

*(over please)*

Each applicant **MUST CHOOSE** which Scholarship Program they are applying for (Memorial or Vocational) and indicate their choice on the *Application for Certification* form. Once all the information requested on the form is complete, it should be returned to the District Office.

Upon approval of the completed *Application for Certification*, an *Application for Scholarship* will be sent to each qualified individual with instructions and a return envelope. Please advise all applicants to follow the instructions carefully when completing the scholarship forms.

The winners will be determined on the basis of each individual applicant's information as provided to the National Selection Committee on the Scholarship forms. The format for determining the winners will be the same as last year.

Completed scholarship applications CANNOT be accepted which are postmarked after the appropriate deadline date (see dates below). **No faxed copies will be accepted.**

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS

<b><i>A. F. Kojetinsky Scholarship Program</i></b>	<b><i>Recommended Deadline for Application for Certification</i></b>	<b><i>Postmark Deadline for Application for Scholarship</i></b>
<b>Memorial</b>	February 28, 2023	March 31, 2023
<b>Vocational (Career)</b>	April 28, 2023	May 31, 2023

As a matter of interest, I have listed on the attached sheet the scholarship winners for the last four years, as well as the Local Union and Sub-District in which the winner's sponsor held membership.

You are urged to publicize these competitions in order to attract as many participants as possible.

In solidarity,



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Enclosures (4)

c: District 11 Staff Representatives