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District 11

Cathy Drummond
District Director

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November 9, 2023

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.

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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

<i>A. F. Kojetinsky Scholarship Program</i>	<i>Recommended Deadline for Application for Certification</i>	<i>Postmark Deadline for Application for Scholarship</i>
Memorial	February 29, 2024	March 29, 2024
Vocational (Career)	April 30, 2024	May 31, 2024

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,



Cathy Drummond
Director, USW District 11

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Enclosures (4)

c: District 11 Staff Representatives

Vocational (Career) Scholarship Winners

2023

None
*(No applications were completed
for this District)*

Sub-District 1

Zade Montgomery – Recipient
Hepler, KS
Father – Heath Maycumber
Local Union 14228
Kansas Gas Service
Sub-District 2

Lily Walth – Recipient
Stirum, ND
Parents – Jeremy & Tanya Walth
Local Union 560
Doosan Bobcat
Sub-District 3

2022

Jazlynn Svaleson – Recipient
Nashwauk, MN
Mother – Melissa Gross
Local Union 2660
USS Keetac
Sub-District 1

None
*(No applications were completed
for this District)*
Sub-District 2

Charles Atkinson – Recipient
Rock Springs, WY
Father – Lewis Atkinson II
Local Union 13214
Genesis Alkali
Sub-District 3

Don't leave this opportunity
on the table!

A. F. KOJETINSKY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS DISTRICT 11

Memorial Scholarship Winners

2023

Andrew Novack – Recipient
Lindstrom, MN
Father – Kenneth Novack, Jr.
Local Union 11-418
3M
Sub-District 1

Ellie Stewart – Recipient
Wichita, KS
Father – Brandon (Hoss) Stewart
Local Union 348
Magellan El Dorado East
Sub-District 2

Emily Sawyer – Recipient
Evanston, WY
Father – James Sawyer
Local Union 13214
Genesis Alkali
Sub-District 3

2022

Kaari Harsila – Recipient
Virginia, MN
Father – Roger Harsila
Local Union 6115
Cliffs Minorca Mine
Sub-District 1

Lauren Bissey – Recipient
Battlefield, MO
Father – Clint Bissey
Local Union 662L
Timken
Sub-District 2

Brooke Bindl – Recipient
Fort Bridger, WY
Father – Curt Bindl
Local Union 13214
Genesis Alkali
Sub-District 3

2021

Mary Skorich – Recipient
Virginia, MN
Father – Peter Skorich
Local Union 1938
U.S. Steel - Minntac
Sub-District 1

Christopher Foster – Recipient
Kansas City, MO
Father – Michael Foster
Local Union 11-617
Ingredion
Sub-District 2

Kolby Rasmusson – Recipient
Lisbon, ND
Father – Todd Rasmusson
Local Union 560
Doosan Bobcat
Sub-District 3

2020

Haley Melin – Recipient
Duluth, MN
Mother – Holly Melin
Local Union 9460
Essentia Health
Sub-District 1

Annastasia Graham – Recipient
Terre Haute, IN
Father – Matthew Graham
Local Union 348
Panhandle Eastern Pipeline
Sub-District 2

Samantha Butler – Recipient
Kemmerer, WY
Father – Michael Butler
Local Union 13214
Genesis Alkali
Sub-District 3

(see other side for Vocational winners)

A.F. KOJETINSKY VOCATIONAL (CAREER) EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Rules of the Competition

NATURE OF THE PROGRAM: The National Selection Committee is composed of professionals in the field of education and their decisions shall be final. The selection process will consider academic performance, course of study and extracurricular activities that include school, community and employment.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD: Individuals who are awarded scholarships will have arrangements made for the payment of their education expenses after they present evidence that they have been accepted as a student in a vocational institution licensed by the state in which they are located and accredited by a national or regional accreditation body approved by the U. S. Department of Education. The balance of the scholarship will be paid in installments of two per year for two years, except that an adjustment in the schedule of payments may be made in the case of an individual following an accelerated program which will result in a degree certification or licensure in a vocational occupation in two years or less. The award will be invalid and no payments made to an individual who fails to register in an approved course of study prior to December 1, 2024.

Grade reports will be obtained from the institution that the student is attending. No further payments will be made to a student who fails to maintain at least a "C" average or who is placed on academic probation.

Students who are awarded other scholarships may continue to receive the *United Steelworkers A. F. Kojetinsky Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship*. In all cases, however, the institution the student is attending will be informed of the nature and the amount of the scholarship awarded by the United Steelworkers.

There are no restrictions as to the curriculum a student may follow, except that it be one that will normally lead to a recognized degree, certification or licensure in a vocational occupation.

Candidates are advised to make application for admission to the accredited vocational program of their choice without waiting to learn of the decision of the Steelworkers Scholarship Program National Selection Committee.

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION: After the *Application for Certification* is completed, the candidate should have it signed on the reverse side by (a) an official of an eligible local of the United Steelworkers stating that the candidate is eligible for the competition according to the rules; and (b) by the principal of their high school, stating that they are graduating between January 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024, or an extension of that school term. ***It must be received by the United Steelworkers District 11 office by April 30, 2024.***

COMPLETION OF *Application for Scholarship*: Application documentation will be mailed to the scholarship candidate by the USW District 11 office once their *Application for Certification* has been certified as eligible. The candidate must complete the entire *Application for Scholarship* for the 2024 A.F. Kojetinsky Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship and follow the instructions on the application. All application materials must be submitted to the National Selection Committee in the provided self-addressed envelope and **be postmarked by May 31, 2024.**

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE: All matters pertaining to this competition will be decided by the Welfare and Education Committee, United Steelworkers District 11, whose decision will be final. No correspondence in relation to the competition can be undertaken. Winners will be notified of the award and announcement of their names will be sent to all locals within District 11.

United Steelworkers
\$2,600 A. F. Kojetinsky
Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship Program

Three scholarships with a value of up to \$2,600 will be awarded annually by the United Steelworkers District 11 A. F. Kojetinsky Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship Program. These scholarships are available for use in a vocational institution licensed by the state in which they are located and accredited by a national or regional accreditation body approved by the U. S. Department of Education. The program will be administered by an independent National Selection Committee.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Any member of a high school class who chooses to pursue career or technical training rather than a four year college experience and who will be graduating between January 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024, or an extension of that school term, who is certified by the high school principal and who is either a member, the son or daughter of a member, or the legal ward of a member of any local *that is affiliated and per capita paid up with the United Steelworkers, District 11 Welfare & Education Fund* is eligible to participate. In addition, if the parent or legal guardian shall have died or shall have become permanently disabled while any applicant shall have been a bona fide student enrolled in high school and pursuing a high school course of study, the applicant, if otherwise eligible, shall be eligible to participate. The scholarship is entirely unrestricted as to sex, race, religion and political affiliation. Stepchildren who are not adopted or legal wards are not eligible.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Applicants must complete the attached *Application for Certification* giving all required information. Incomplete information will be a cause for rejection of the application. Their academic status must be certified on the reverse side of the form by the principal of the high school attended and their relationship to the United Steelworkers certified by a responsible official of the local through which they are eligible as described above. The form should then be *mailed no later than April 30, 2024* to:

United Steelworkers District 11
A.F. Kojetinsky Scholarship Program
3433 Broadway Street NE, Suite 315
Minneapolis, MN 55413

- The applicant must then complete the *Application for Scholarship for the A. F. Kojetinsky Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship* which will be mailed to the applicant upon approval of the applicant's completed *Application for Certification*. The applicant should follow the instructions printed on the scholarship application for submitting it to the National Selection Committee.

CLOSING DATE:

To be considered, the final application (*Application for Scholarship*) for the Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship must be postmarked *no later than midnight, May 31, 2024*.

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A.F. KOJETINSKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Rules of the Competition

NATURE OF THE PROGRAM: The National Selection Committee is composed of professionals in the field of education and their decisions shall be final. The primary emphasis in the selection process will be on academic performance, but all factors will be given appropriate consideration including test scores, curriculum, grades, class rank and extracurricular activities that include school, community and employment.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD: Individuals who are awarded scholarships will have arrangements made for the payment of their education expenses after they present evidence that they have been accepted as a freshman student in an institution accredited by a regional association of colleges, or by a State Department of Education. The balance of the scholarship will be paid in installments of 2 per academic year for 4 years, except that an adjustment in the schedule of payments may be made in the case of an individual following an accelerated program that will result in a bachelor's degree in less than the normal four years. The award will be invalid and no payments made to an individual who fails to register in an approved college prior to December 1, 2024.

Grade reports will be obtained from the college or university that the student is attending. No further payments will be made to a student who fails to maintain at least a "C" average or who is placed on academic probation.

Students who are awarded other scholarships may continue to receive the *United Steelworkers A. F. Kojetinsky Memorial Scholarship*. In all cases, however, the institution the student is attending will be informed of the nature and the amount of the scholarship awarded by the United Steelworkers.

There are no restrictions as to the curriculum a student may follow, except that it be one that will normally lead to a recognized bachelor's degree. Candidates are advised to make application for admission to the college or university of their choice without waiting to learn of the decision of the Steelworkers Scholarship Program National Selection Committee.

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION: After the *Application for Certification* is completed, the candidate should have it signed on the reverse side by (a) an official of an eligible local of the United Steelworkers stating that the candidate is eligible for the competition according to the rules; and (b) by the principal of their high school, stating that they are graduating between January 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024, or an extension of that school term. ***It must be received by the United Steelworkers District 11 office by February 29, 2024.***

COMPLETION OF *Application for Scholarship*: Application documentation will be mailed to the scholarship candidate by the USW District 11 office once their *Application for Certification* has been certified as eligible. The candidate must complete the entire *Application for Scholarship* for the *2024 Kojetinsky Memorial Scholarship* and follow the instructions on the application. All application materials must be submitted to the National Selection Committee in the provided self-addressed envelope and ***be postmarked by March 29, 2024.***

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE: All matters pertaining to this competition will be decided by the Welfare and Education Committee, United Steelworkers District 11, whose decision will be final. No correspondence in relation to the competition can be undertaken. Winners will be notified of the award and announcement of their names will be sent to all locals within District 11.

United Steelworkers \$5,200 A. F. Kojetinsky Memorial Scholarship Program

Three scholarships with a value of up to \$5,200 will be awarded annually by the United Steelworkers District 11 A.F. Kojetinsky Memorial Scholarship Program. These scholarships are available for use in an accredited college or university. The program will be administered by an independent National Selection Committee.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Any member of a high school class who plans to pursue a four year college degree and who will be graduating between January 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024, or an extension of that school term, who is certified by the high school principal and who is either a member, the son or daughter of a member, or the legal ward of a member of any local *that is affiliated and per capita paid up with the United Steelworkers District 11 Welfare & Education Fund* is eligible to participate. In addition, if the parent or legal guardian shall have died or shall have become permanently disabled while any applicant shall have been a bona fide student enrolled in high school and pursuing a high school course of study, the applicant, if otherwise eligible, shall be eligible to participate. The scholarship is entirely unrestricted as to sex, race, religion and political affiliation. *Stepchildren who are not adopted or legal wards are not eligible.*

HOW TO APPLY:

- Applicants must complete the attached *Application for Certification* giving all required information. Incomplete information will be a cause for rejection of the application. Their academic status must be certified on the reverse side of the form by the principal of the high school attended and their relationship to the United Steelworkers certified by a responsible official of the local through which they are eligible as described above. The form should then ***be mailed no later than February 29, 2024*** to:

**United Steelworkers District 11
A. F. Kojetinsky Scholarship Program
3433 Broadway Street NE, Suite 315
Minneapolis, MN 55413**

- The applicant must then complete the *Application for Scholarship for the A.F. Kojetinsky Memorial Scholarship* which will be mailed to the applicant upon approval of the applicant's completed *Application for Certification*. The applicant should follow the instructions printed on the scholarship application for submitting it to the National Selection Committee.

CLOSING DATE:

To be considered, the final application (*Application for Scholarship*) for the **Memorial Scholarship** must be postmarked ***no later than midnight, March 29, 2024.***

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Fill out legibly in ink



APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

United Steelworkers District 11

A.F. KOJETINSKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

or

A. F. KOJETINSKY VOCATIONAL (CAREER) EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

First name	Middle name	Last name	
House number and street	City	State	Zip
(Area Code) Telephone Number		Applicant E-mail Address	

Place a check mark in the appropriate space below indicating:

1) The program for which you are applying (*check only one*)

- A. F. Kojetinsky Memorial Scholarship
 A. F. Kojetinsky Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship

2) Your eligibility to enter the A. F. Kojetinsky Scholarship competition through the membership of yourself, your parent or your legal guardian in the United Steelworkers:

- I am a member
 My parent or legal guardian is a member
 My parent or legal guardian was a member on the date of his/her death or permanent disability which occurred _____ (Date)

Name of USW member _____

First name	Middle initial	Last name	
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Address of member _____

Number and street	City	State	Zip
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Employed at _____

Plant/Facility	City and State
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Local No. _____ Relation to applicant _____
(father, mother, legal guardian)

APPLICANT:

Name of high school attended _____

Address of high school attended _____

Date when graduated or you expect to graduate _____

I hereby apply for certification to enter the A.F. Kojetinsky Scholarship competition and agree to abide by the rules of the contest as published in the announcement.

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL UNION OFFICIAL

I certify that I have examined the statements of the applicant named on the reverse of this form. Statements in regard to Union membership of applicant, parent or legal guardian are in accordance with our records.



Signed _____

Title _____

Local Union No. _____

CERTIFICATE OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

I certify that the applicant named on the reverse of this form graduated or will probably graduate from

_____ on _____
Name of High School Graduation Date

Signed _____

Title _____

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS

<i>A. F. Kojetinsky Scholarship Program</i>	<i>Recommended Deadline for Application for Certification</i>	<i>Postmark Deadline for Application for Scholarship</i>
Memorial	February 29, 2024	March 29, 2024
Vocational (Career)	April 30, 2024	May 31, 2024

Return this form to:

United Steelworkers District 11, A. F. Kojetinsky Scholarship Program, 3433 Broadway Street NE, Suite 315, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Do Not Write Below This Line

Eligible _____ Ineligible _____ Notified _____