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To: Unifor Local Union Presidents, Financial-Secretary, Recording Secretary, Trustee
(excluding Quebec)

Greetings:

SUBJECT: Unifor National Union and Regional Council Scholarships

Unifor is committed to building the strongest and most effective union to bargain on behalf of our members, work with our members to improve their rights, and extend the benefits of unionization to non-unionized workers in Canada. We are also concerned about the lives of our members' families. We recognize that post-secondary education is out of reach for many working-class children due to skyrocketing tuition fees. To assist in making education more accessible, we've established 28 scholarships worth $2000.00 each.

The scholarships are awarded to sons/daughters of Unifor members in good standing. Students must be entering their first year of full-time post-secondary education (university, community college, technological institute, trades school, etc.) in a public Canadian institution. Up to one scholarship will be available to a Unifor member with at least one year seniority. ***These are entrance Scholarships only and are not renewable for students entering subsequent years of study.***

Submissions MUST include:

- ✓ **a letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal or community activist;**
- ✓ **an official application form (attached) and signed by one of the following Local Union Officers: President, Financial-Secretary, Recording Secretary, Trustee.**
- ✓ **transcript/record of marks (most current record - i.e. mid-term report is acceptable).**

For National Locals, the officer's confirmation of good standing may be faxed/emailed in separately.

A committee appointed by the Unifor National Executive Board will make the selection of candidates. The decision of the committee is final.

Please note, unlike many scholarships awarded by other institutions, grades are only one of several factors considered when the selection committee reviews applications. These scholarships consider social justice values and knowledge of the labour movement.

Documents indicating definite acceptance at one of the institutions described above, proof of enrollment and payment of tuition needs to be submitted before the scholarship can be awarded.

For all scholarships (with the exception of the five *National and Quebec Council Scholarships)*, completed applications, along with the accompanying documents, are to be submitted to:

Tim Carrie, National Representative
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205 Placer Court, Toronto, ON M2H 3H9
E-mail: bonnie.morgan@unifor.org
Fax: (416) 495-6554

Applications may be mailed, faxed or scanned & e-mailed no later than April 30th, 2015, 11:59 E.S.T.

Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant who will be given a two week grace period to complete and re-submit.

Application forms can also be found on the Unifor website at www.unifor.org. For the deadlines and rules governing the ***National and Quebec Council Scholarships,*** please see www.uniforquebec.org.

Those with disabilities, persons of colour and aboriginal Canadians are especially encouraged to apply.

Please circulate this information to your total membership.

All scholarship applicants will receive a letter prior to the beginning of the school year advising if they have won a scholarship or not.

In solidarity,

JERRY DIAS
National President
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cc: National Executive Board, Assistants, National Representatives