



April 24th, 2025

TO: Unifor Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries

Greetings:

RE: ERIC JOHN MEMORIAL BURSARY

In memory of Brother Eric John (1923-2009), who passed away on December 5, 2009. Eric dedicated his working life to making the world a better place in any way he could. He held many elected positions in the UAW and CAW, from 1954. The most recent position he held was as Vice-chair of the CAW National Retired Workers Advisory Executive. He was active in Co-op housing developments and constant government lobbying for pensions. Eric was employed by the Ford Motor Company for 32 years of dedicated service, starting as a Tool and Die Maker.

The Unifor Skilled Trades Council is offering three (3) Eric John Memorial Bursaries in the amount of \$2,000 each. These bursaries are awarded to sons and daughters of **Unifor Skilled Trades Members in good standing**, entering their first year of post-secondary education (university, community college, technological institute, teachers' college, nursing school, etc.).

Submissions should include:

- ✓ An official application form (attached)
- ✓ Letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal or community activist
- ✓ Transcript/record of marks

Documents indicating acceptance at one of the institutions described above and proof of registration must be submitted before the bursary can be awarded.

Submit your completed application **before June 6, 2025**, to:

Unifor Skilled Trades Council
c/o Sandra Ireoha and Selection
Committee 115 Gordon Baker, Toronto,
ON M2H 0A8 or E-mail to
sandra.ireoha@unifor.org

Those with disabilities, women, persons of colour, and Aboriginal Canadians are especially encouraged to apply. Incomplete applications will not receive consideration.

In solidarity,

Ken Anderson, Chairperson
Unifor Skilled Trades Council

cc: Lana Payne, Len Poirier, Daniel Cloutier, J. Breslin, DJ Lacey, Skilled Trades Executive Board



UNIFOR SKILLED TRADES

Eric John Memorial Bursaries Application

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (Member of Unifor National Skilled Trades Council): _____

Address (if different): _____

Unifor Local Union #: _____ Workplace: _____

Unifor Local Area Skilled Trades Sub Council: _____

Present School and grade: _____

Major Field in which you wish to study: _____

Please answer the following three questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. What do unions do for their workers and their communities? (200-300 words)
2. A union is active in the betterment of workers' lives and the community in which they live. As a union what other activities could you partake in to enhance the lives of others? (50-75 words)
3. Aside from the regulated 40 hours of community service, what have you done to benefit the community in which you live? (50-75 words)