



New England Regional Council of Carpenters **2012 Scholarship Eligibility and Guidelines**

Eligibility

1. Members in good standing and dependent children of members in good standing from any Local of the Council are eligible to apply. Grandchildren are eligible only if the grandparent is the legal guardian of the student. Children who are not legal dependents of a member are not eligible. Children of members who died within five years prior to January 1, 2012 are eligible.
2. Applicants must be enrolled in a post high school program.
3. College level programs must consist of at least three courses of three credits each.
4. Courses in technical or specialty schools such as automotive training, computer training, etc. can qualify if the program is at least six months in duration, is full-time, and awards a certificate or diploma upon completion.
5. Students must have a "C" average to apply.
6. Students can apply for a scholarship each year throughout their undergraduate years (not to exceed four years). The Committee will have the final say as to a particular student's eligibility.
7. Graduate students and students working toward a second bachelor's degree are not eligible.

Application process

Applicants will be required to write an essay of between 500 and 1000 words on the following topic.

Recently there has been an increase in the use of technology and tools such as social media to coordinate protests and activism. How do you see the role of social media in terms of organizing for labor? What are the pros? What are the cons? With your knowledge of the carpenters union and looking at our new website, nercc.org, what would you recommend to promote the activities of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters?

Note: Essays that do not meet the word count criteria will be disqualified. If you use outside references or sources please cite them. Applicants should submit the completed essay, application form and most recent transcript of grades by 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2012 to NERCC Scholarship, ATTN: Malerie Anderson, 750 Dorchester Ave., Boston, MA 02125. Applications received after this time will be ineligible.

To eliminate bias, the scholarship committee is blind to the identity of the applicant. Essays are numerically coded to prevent any reader from having knowledge of the writer. Winners of the top two prizes will be asked to read their essays at the June 2012 delegate meeting. Persons awarded first or second place in a prior year are ineligible for first or second place in subsequent years.