

2026 - IBEW LOCAL 1245 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST RULES

The purpose of this contest is to provide scholarship aid for colleges, community colleges and trade schools, thereby providing financial assistance toward the attainment of a higher education.

Eligibility for all applicants for all scholarships Applicant must be the child, grandchild or spouse of an IBEW 1245 member or retiree club member who is current and in good standing. **The Veterans scholarship is for IBEW Local 1245 members who are veterans.**

Applicant will be required to submit the completed scholarship application, two letters of recommendation from a non-relative instructor, principal, counselor or supervisor, and an essay, **not to exceed 500-words**, on the subject designated by the Executive Board. Essays must be submitted on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, on one side, preferably typed and doubled spaced, with applicant's written signature at the conclusion of the essay, **and the essay topic at the beginning** of the essay.

Completed application packets must be mailed to: [IBEW Local Union 1245, Attn: 2026 Scholarship Committee \(TA\), P.O. Box 2547, Vacaville, CA 95696](#), and be **postmarked no later than the first Monday in March (March 2, 2026).**

The scholarship will be made only to that candidate who intends to enroll full-time in an institution that is certified by their State Department of Education and accredited by the Local Accrediting Association.

Payment(s) will be paid directly to the college upon presentation of proof of enrollment and tuition costs to IBEW Local Union 1245, Attn: 2026 Scholarship Committee (TA), PO Box 2547, Vacaville, CA 95696, or tfa3@ibew1245.com.

Responsibility of Scholarship Recipient: Scholarship winner must begin their studies in their next term or, at the very latest, in January of the following year.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from the Local 1245 website:
www.ibew1245.com/scholarships/

Scholarship winners and their families will be invited to the April Advisory Council meeting, at IBEW LU 1245's expense, to read their essays and have lunch with the Executive Board, Advisory Council and Local Union Leadership. Scholarship recipients will be presented with a suitable certificate or plaque to commemorate their win.

Scholarships winners are not eligible to apply for additional scholarships.

Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- **Roger Stalcup Community College Scholarship (2):**

Eligibility: **See Eligibility for all applicants for all scholarships.**

Award: Two winners will be selected to receive **up to \$1,500.00**, for up to **two semesters**, which must be used for Community College tuition and course materials.

- **IBEW 1245 Survivor's Scholarship (1):**

Eligibility: Applicant must be the surviving child, grandchild or spouse of an IBEW 1245 member or retiree club member **who was current and in good standing at the time of their death.**

Award: One winner will be selected to receive a one-time scholarship, of **up to \$5,000.00**, which must be used for trade school, community college or university tuition. The payment will be made directly to the school after LU 1245 Scholarship Committee receives proof of enrollment and cost of tuition. Enrollment letter must include student ID number.

- **IBEW 1245 Veteran's Scholarship (1):**

Eligibility: Applicant must be an IBEW 1245 member or retiree club member in good standing **AND** an honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the United States Armed Forces or Reserves. Applicants must also provide a copy of their DD214 documentation.

- **Award:** One winner will be selected for a one-time scholarship, **up to \$5,000.00**, which must be used for trade school, community college or university tuition. **The payment will be made directly to the school after the LU 1245 Scholarship Committee receives proof of enrollment and cost of tuition. Enrollment letter must include student ID number.**
- **Ronald T. Weakley IBEW 1245 Scholarships (2):**
 - **Electrical Line Worker Scholarship:**
Eligibility: See **Eligibility for all applicants for all scholarships**

Award: One winner will be selected to receive a scholarship **up to a total of \$10,000.00**. The recipient will initially receive up to \$2,500.00 to be used for tuition for an approved electrical line worker program (i.e. VOLTA). Following verification of completion of the program AND **1,000 hours worked in the electrical line trade in IBEW 1245's jurisdiction** AND verification of attendance at ten (10) IBEW 1245 unit meetings within an 18-month period, the recipient will receive **up to \$7,500.00** toward reimbursement of tuition and required materials. The payment will be made directly to the school after the LU 1245 Scholarship Committee receives proof of enrollment and cost of tuition.
 - **Vocational Trade School Scholarship:**
Eligibility: See **Eligibility for all applicants for all scholarships**

Award: One winner will be selected to receive a one-time scholarship up to \$1,000.00. Trade school certification must be a union-based occupation within the scope of work IBEW 1245 members perform. The payment will be made directly to the school after the LU 1245 Scholarship Committee receives proof of enrollment and cost of tuition.

NOTE: The essay topic for the 2026 Scholarships is:

“How have nonunion workers benefited from union collective bargaining?”

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Telephone: (707) 452-2718

Ronald T Weakley (2): ☐ (a) Electrical Line Worker Scholarship
☐ (b) Vocational Trade School Scholarship
☐ Roger Stalcup Community College Scholarship (2)
☐ Survivor's Scholarship (1) ☐ Veteran's Scholarship (1)

I hereby make application to enter the _____ Scholarship contest sponsored by IBEW Local Union 1245, AFL-CIO. **** SELECT ONE (1) SCHOLARSHIP ****

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____
(Last) (First) (MI) (MM/DD/YYYY)

Address: _____ Cell# (____) ____ - ____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Name of Parent: _____

Employer and work location: _____

I graduated or will graduate from: _____ High School

Located in: _____ with a GPA of: _____ (n/a for Veteran's Scholarship) ON
DATE: _____.

I expect to attend: _____ College or Trade School

Located in: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SCHOOL OFFICIAL: This is to certify that the above-named candidate is currently enrolled as a student at _____ and has or will be graduating _____, 2026. (Month and Year)

School Official's Signature and Position

This is to certify that I am a member in good standing of IBEW Local Union 1245 and the Candidate whose name is signed to this application is my _____ (relationship to member) and has or will graduate during the term ending _____, 2026.

(Parent's Signature & IBEW Card No.)

Veteran's Information (for IBEW LU 1245 members applying for this scholarship): List information about your service in the US Armed Forces, including branch, dates of service, deployment locations. Attach a copy of your DD214.

Were you honorably discharged? _____

College and Career Information:

- Name and location of college you have or will have attended for at least one year as of **December 2025**. If more than one, list the college most recently attended:

- Attendance dates: _____ Major/Field of Study: _____

- **Test Scores: SAT: _____ ACT: _____ GRE: _____ LSAT: _____ MCAT: _____**
- If you will be entering Graduate School in the Spring of **2026**, please provide additional information about your college degrees, certifications, and work experience (as applicable):

- What is your anticipated graduation date? _____
- Briefly outline your career goals while addressing the following: Explain why you want to pursue a college education. How will this education contribute towards your immediate and/or long-term career plans? _____

List Employment and extracurricular activities (internships, sports, clubs)

- Employment: _____
- Employment: _____
- Activities: _____
- Activities: _____

List community service activity and awards:

- Community Service: _____
- Community Service: _____
- Awards: _____

Financial need: Anticipated amount of funding needed: \$ _____

- Total household income: \$ _____ Total number of people in household: _____

How did you learn about the IBEW Local 1245 Scholarships? _____

Did you remember to: ☐ Complete the application? ☐ Obtain all signatures?

☐ Attach your essay? ☐ Attach two non-relative letters of reference?

☐ Attach your DD214? (LU 1245 veteran scholarship applicants only)