



# IAM LOCAL 777

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**ENTRY MUST  
BE RECEIVED  
BY MARCH  
31ST, 2027**

IAM Local 777 will award **two (2) selected applicants a \$1,500.00 scholarship each** for the 2027–2028 academic year. Applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution and pursuing a career in a field represented by IAM Local 777. Completed applications may be downloaded and emailed to [IAMLocal777Scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:IAMLocal777Scholarship@gmail.com), printed and mailed, or hand delivered to the IAM Local 777 office at **12365 St. Charles Rock Rd. Bridgeton, MO 63044** and must be received **no later than March 31, 2027**. Previous scholarship recipients may apply and be awarded in subsequent years if they continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

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| First Name:                                                                 |  |  |        | Last Name:             |  |           |  |
| Home Address:                                                               |  |  |        |                        |  |           |  |
| City:                                                                       |  |  | State: |                        |  | Zip Code: |  |
| Contact Number:                                                             |  |  |        | Cell Number:           |  |           |  |
| Email:                                                                      |  |  |        | Birth Date:            |  |           |  |
| Parent/Guardian Name:                                                       |  |  |        | Parent/Guardian Phone: |  |           |  |
| Current Enrollment Status/Name of School:                                   |  |  |        |                        |  |           |  |
| Vo-Tech School/University Plan to Attend:                                   |  |  |        |                        |  |           |  |
| Address of Vo-Tech School/University Plan to Attend:                        |  |  |        |                        |  |           |  |
| City:                                                                       |  |  | State: |                        |  | Zip Code: |  |
| Intended Course of Study:                                                   |  |  |        |                        |  |           |  |
| Intended Occupation:                                                        |  |  |        |                        |  |           |  |
| Will You Remain At The Above Institution For The Completion Of The Program? |  |  |        |                        |  |           |  |

**Please list all personal achievements, community service activities, significant school activities/offices, awards, work experience and hobbies received/participated in during your high school career:**

**Please describe any experiences, exposure, knowledge, or views you have regarding organized labor and labor unions:**

**Please read the provided passage and, on the following page, explain in your own words how becoming an IAM member could help advance your career, create opportunities for your future, and contribute to your long-term success.**

# THE IAM: ADVANCING FUTURES BY POWERING CAREERS.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) was founded in 1888 in Atlanta, Georgia, by 19 machinists led by Thomas W. Talbot. Originally created to address low wages, long hours, and unsafe working conditions, the IAM rapidly grew into one of North America's most influential labor unions. Its purpose is to advocate for dignity, justice, and fairness in the workplace by empowering workers to negotiate strong labor contracts, improve safety, and secure benefits. Over the decades, the IAM has expanded to represent workers across a wide range of industries, including aerospace, railroads, federal government, manufacturing, and automotive/trucking. Milestones include the successful organization of Boeing workers, expansion into Canada, and advocacy for labor rights legislation. Today, the IAM continues to fight for economic and social justice, emphasizing worker empowerment, education, and political action.

IAM Local 777 was chartered on April 3, 1920, and has been a pillar of labor advocacy in the St. Louis area as well as Southern Illinois for over 105 years. Currently representing over 3,300 workers, our Local primarily supports professionals in the automotive, trucking, heavy equipment, and collision/refinish industries. Recently, our Local has broadened its reach to include production workers, showcasing our commitment to growing worker representation and adapting to the changing labor landscape.

Our Local has been at the forefront of securing industry-leading contracts that have set a high bar for labor standards. These contracts include competitive wages, fully company-paid medical insurance for our members and their families, robust retirement plans, including defined pensions and 401(k)s, and tool allowances. Moreover, our Local has championed strong workplace safety standards and countless other benefits and protections enshrined in collectively bargained agreements. These significant achievements are not incidental but are the result of the tireless organizing efforts, deep dedication, and accumulated knowledge and experience of our business representatives. The strength and solidarity of our membership have been essential in these victories, demonstrating the power of unity and sustained effort. Our Local 777 continues to advocate for our members with integrity and strength, honoring our legacy while building toward a more equitable future for all workers we represent.

