

****MERIT SCHOLARSHIP****

OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

2026

Twenty-five (25) \$2,500 Merit Scholarships will be awarded to children of Local 3 members. Merit Scholarship winners will not be judged on academic qualifications but will instead be selected through a raffle drawing. These scholarships must be used for study at any accredited college, university or trade school located in the United States.

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 scholarships will not impose restrictions of any kind on the course of study. Recipients may accept any other grants or awards that do not rule out scholarship aid from other sources.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Children (including stepchildren and foster children) of Local 3 members who are currently attending or planning to attend college or trade school full time in the next year may apply for the scholarship. The parent of the applicant must be a member for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the application. Grandchildren are only eligible to apply if their grandparent (member) is their legal guardian. Children of deceased members are eligible to apply for the scholarship if the parent of the applicant was a member for at least one year immediately preceding the date of death.

Please Note: Academic Scholarship applicants who do not win are automatically entered into the Merit Scholarship raffle drawing. Please do not submit multiple applications.

Applications must be **postmarked on or by March 31, 2026.**

AWARDING MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Upon receipt of the application and required essay, the membership of the parent will be verified. Apart from verifying the eligibility of the applicant, Local 3 will not exercise any choice among the various applicants. The Merit Scholarship winners will not be judged on academic qualifications but will instead be selected through a raffle drawing held at Local 3's June Executive Board meeting. Previous Merit winners and applicants may re-apply each year. Applicants need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by Local 3 and posted on www.oe3.org.

Winners must submit proof of full-time enrollment to receive payment.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Completed applications and essays must be postmarked on or by March 31, 2026. Any applications postmarked after March 31, 2026 will not be accepted. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the items are received on time and sent to:

Dave Harrison
Recording-Corresponding Secretary
Attn: Scholarships
Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3
3000 Clayton Road
Concord, CA 94519

Please contact the RCS Office with any questions:
rcsadmin@oe3.org or (510) 748-7400 Ext. 3483.

2026 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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To be completed by applicant. **Please print legibly:**

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Male ☐ Female ☐ Email address: _____ (for scholarship updates only)

Telephone: (____) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Member's Name: _____ Member's Reg. #: _____

* Applicant's relationship to Member: _____ Last four #s of Member's SS#: _____

***Applicant's relationship to member must be child, stepchild or foster child
Grandchildren are only eligible if the grandparent (member) is the legal guardian**

What trade schools or colleges do you attend, have you applied to or will you apply to? _____

What is your educational or career objective? _____

Special interests and outside activities: _____

Please include an essay explaining why you feel unions are good for America and how unions affect your life (250 word minimum).

Date: _____

Signature: _____