

Teamsters Union Local No. 710 **Scholarship Fund**



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2026 Program Information

The Executive Board of Teamsters Local 710 has established this Scholarship Fund to help dependent children of our members pursue their passions of study or craft. We believe that an investment in our children is an investment in the future of labor.

We know the stress the financial obligations for these programs can pose, so we are happy to be able to assist the children of our members with these costs. We are proud to award scholarships providing one-time awards valued up to \$7,000.00.

Academic and Training & Vocational Scholarships

Scholarships are available for children of Local 710 members who are currently graduating high school students, and who will be pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university or a certification at an accredited trade school. Scholarships will be awarded based on the applicant's high school career and essay.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a child or legal dependent of a Teamsters Local 710 member in good standing for at least the past twelve (12) months. Dues must be current. Any questions on eligibility should be emailed to scholarship@teamsters710.org.
- Be a graduating high school student entering into an undergraduate college, university or community college program, or a technical or vocational program in 2026.

Applicants must complete and submit the following to be received via at the Local 710 Union Hall (9000 W. 187th Street, Mokena, IL 60448) no later than 4:30 PM CT on Friday, June 19, 2026:

- **Verification of Local 710 Membership Status** (information required on application; email scholarship@teamsters710.org if you would like to verify in advance)
- **Application** (available on Teamsters710.com)
- **Typed Essay*** (minimum 500 words)

The essay topic for 2026 is:

The rise of artificial intelligence and automation is a major threat to the working class. Corporations are pushing more and more for new technologies marketed as enhancing or improving working conditions, when very often these technologies are designed to replace workers and shrink their bottom line, with little-to-no consideration for the actual people behind those jobs. Unions like the Teamsters are fighting back, pushing for worker protections through legislation and negotiating contractual language. **Why do you think it's important to combat and regulate the use of AI and automation, particularly as it pertains to the working class?**

*PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE USE OF AI (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CHAT GPT, ETC.) TO PRODUCE YOUR ESSAY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. **ANY VIOLATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP.**

For more information, please visit Teamsters710.com/scholarship. If you have any additional questions, please email scholarship@teamsters710.org or call (773) 254-3200.

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026 BY 4:30 P.M. CT

NOTE: CHILDREN OR LEGAL DEPENDENTS OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 710 OFFICERS AND BUSINESS AGENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. AWARD PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE INSTITUTION OR APPROVED SAVINGS FUND FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES.

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