

## 2023-2024 Scholarship Opportunities for Local 571 Union Members and/or their Children or Legal Dependents



**IFT (Illinois Federation of Teachers) Scholarships**—Applications for the 2024 scholarship awards will be available soon at <https://www.ift-aft.org/scholarships>

- ◇ **IFT Carl J. Megel Special Education Scholarship**—One award in the amount of \$20,000 (paid out in four (4) annual installments). Megel award applicants may be sponsored by a parent or a teacher/counselor who is an active or retired IFT member. Applicants for this scholarship must be enrolled in a special education school, class, or program for students with autism, cognitive disability, deaf-blindness, deafness, emotional disability, hearing impairment, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment.

The award is entirely unrestricted as to race, religion, political affiliation, or choice of accredited college, university, business, trade or vocational school. Applicant must be a high school senior who will graduate in 2024. The applicant must be the son or daughter of a currently employed, active member in good standing of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, or the son or daughter of a deceased member who was in good standing with the Illinois Federation of Teachers at the time of death. Alternately, applicant may be sponsored by an IFT member who is an education professional and works directly with (or previously worked with) the student. In that event, the IFT member must provide a letter stating his/her reasons for sponsoring the student, as well as his/her own name, address and local number. Note: not open to students who plan to teach in special education.

- ◇ **IFT Robert G. Porter Scholarship**—Two \$20,000 awards (paid out in four (4) annual installments) provided student is enrolled full-time at an Illinois public university and maintains a “C” cumulative average. An applicant must be the child or step child of a currently employed, active member of the IFT, the child of a member of an IFT retirees chapter, or of a deceased member in good standing with the IFT at the time of death. Applicants must be high school seniors with a cumulative “B” average. Winners must provide proof of acceptance and registration as a full-time student in a bachelor’s degree program at a public Illinois university.

### **CFL (Chicago Federation of Labor)**

- ◇ **William A. Lee Scholarship Program**—Ten (10) \$2,000 one-time cash awards, five random drawing and five academic - open to high school seniors who will graduate in 2024 from Chicago-area high schools whose parents are union members in good standing. Those interested **may apply for only one type of award** and will be disqualified if they apply for both. **In mid-December 2023, you may obtain the application at <https://chicagolabor.org/resources/scholarships>. Please be sure to indicate whether you want to participate in the academic competition or the random drawing. Note: On the application form, the Union Affiliation is the WSTU, Local 571, IFT/AFT. Application deadline is February 09, 2024 (tentative, please check website above).**

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### **West Suburban Teachers Union, Local 571**

- ◇ **Mary Wheeler Scholarship**—Six \$3,300 one-time awards will be given to high school seniors graduating in 2024 whose parents or guardians are members in good standing of the WSTU, Local 571. Applicants must plan to continue their education full time in the Fall of 2024. Applications will be available at [www.wstu571.org](http://www.wstu571.org), Local 571's Facebook page, or by calling 630-468-4098. ***All application materials must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2024.***
- ◇ **Jo Ann Horowitz Scholarship**—Two \$1,650 one-time awards will be given in 2024 to *current PSRPs* who are members in good standing of the WSTU, Local 571 and pursuing a BA/BS or MA/MS in an education-related field. Applications will be available at [www.wstu571.org](http://www.wstu571.org), Local 571's Facebook page, or by calling 630-468-4098. ***All application materials must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2024.***
- ◇ **Julienne Phillips Scholarship**—Two \$1,650 one-time awards will be given in 2024 to current licensed, practicing educators (ex. teacher, social worker, counselor, psychologist, speech pathologist, librarian, nurse, or instructional coach) who are members in good standing of the WSTU, Local 571, and pursuing a *masters degree* in an education-related field. Applications will be available at [www.wstu571.org](http://www.wstu571.org), Local 571's Facebook page, or by calling 630-468-4098. ***All application materials must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2024.***
- ◇ **Maryann Karlovsky Scholarship**—Two \$1,650 one-time awards will be given in 2024 to current licensed, practicing educators (ex. teacher, social worker, counselor, psychologist, speech pathologist, librarian, nurse, or instructional coach) who are members in good standing of the WSTU, Local 571 and pursuing a certificate or endorsement in an education-related field. Applications will be available at [www.wstu571.org](http://www.wstu571.org), Local 571's Facebook page, or by calling 630-468-4098. ***All application materials must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2024.***

### **AFT (American Federation of Teachers) Robert G. Porter Scholars Program**

- ◇ Four-year, \$8,000 post-secondary **scholarships** (\$2,000 per year) to high school seniors who are dependents of AFT members.
- ◇ One-time \$1,000 **grants** to AFT members to assist with continuing education or ideas/programs supporting the AFT's mission.

2023-2024 applications will be available mid-December on the AFT website at <https://www.aft.org/member-benefits/education-learning-opportunities/scholarships> or by e-mailing [porterscholars@aft.org](mailto:porterscholars@aft.org). (Requests must specify whether applicants are seeking a one-time grant for AFT members or a scholarship for their high school senior.)

### **AFT Union Plus Scholarship Program**

- ◇ Amounts range from \$500 to \$4,000. These one-time cash awards are for study beginning in the Fall each year. Students may re-apply each year. It is open to AFT members, spouses, and dependent children. Apply online at <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships>. **Application deadline is January 31, 2024.**



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