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**DISTRICT LODGE 66 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Once again, it is time for the District's Annual Scholarship Program as approved by your Delegates to District Lodge 66. It is open to all High School Seniors that are children of any IAMAW Lodge that is affiliated with District Lodge No. 66. This includes Lodges 21, 1030, 1115, 1771 and 2191.

There are Two (2) \$750 scholarships annually, one for a female student and one for a male student. If we do not have one of each, then it will be given to two female or male students. Only seniors in High School that are the children of Machinist Union members and those that are seeking post high school education are eligible.

An essay must be written and must be based on how Unions have been important to your family and your community to be considered for the Scholarship. Information should be gathered from your parents or relatives and the struggles they may have faced in their jobs. The essays must be at least 500 words in length. Please note: Essays copied directly from Labor History Books, encyclopedias, etc., or essays where the material is mostly plagiarized will NOT BE ACCEPTED. After a review of the competency of each essay, a selection process will follow and the winner will be the essay that best meets the requirements stated above.

The scholarship must be used beginning in the year of the award and in consecutive semesters. The first half of the scholarship will be paid directly to the school in the first semester and the second half will also be paid directly to the school in the next consecutive semester. Selections of essay winners will take place no later than the April Meeting of the District Lodge. The essays must be in at the District Lodge 66 office 1307 Market St., La Crosse WI by **Saturday, March 1, 2014**. Scholarships not used in consecutive semesters beginning in the year of the award will be forfeited.

See our full ad with all of the Competition rules elsewhere in this month's Union Herald.

### **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AMERICAN STYLE**

As anyone who has shopped with me can attest, I am constantly on the lookout for products made in the USA. Although tough to find, that doesn't mean we should not try. When shopping locally make certain to look for the Made in the USA label. Christmas is a perfect time of the year to cast your vote, through your purchasing power, for products made in America. If what you are looking for is not to be found locally, the internet is a good tool to use. I have had success with the following: [www.allenedmonds.com](http://www.allenedmonds.com), [www.gitman.com](http://www.gitman.com), [www.allamericanclothing.com](http://www.allamericanclothing.com), [www.gokandr.com](http://www.gokandr.com), [www.nstarleather.com](http://www.nstarleather.com), [www.allusaaclothing.com](http://www.allusaaclothing.com), [www.acontinuouslean.com](http://www.acontinuouslean.com), [www.americansworking.com](http://www.americansworking.com), [www.madeinamericastore.com](http://www.madeinamericastore.com), [www.buckknives.com](http://www.buckknives.com), [www.burlingtonsocks.com](http://www.burlingtonsocks.com), which provide a large assortment of goods made right here in the USA. Another great site to find what you are looking for from Union Made sources is [www.labor411.org](http://www.labor411.org).

### **2013 MNPL FUND RAISING DRIVE**

I am asking everyone in District 66 to join the fight for a better future for you, your children and grandchildren by making a contribution to the MNPL today. By electing and supporting people who will fight for the common good of EVERYONE we can secure a brighter future for all. We can only succeed by challenging the political and economic ruling class bent on undermining the rights of average people across this nation.

We are currently reaching out to LL21 members. After the first of the year we will continue with the membership of Local Lodge 1771. Watch your mail for my letter because Together, We Can Make a Difference!

### **2014 MACHINISTS UNION SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

It is with renewed enthusiasm that we are beginning another year for the IAM Scholarship Competition. All of our Locals will receive the 2014 Scholarship Competition Announcement that covers the rules and regulations for IAM members and children of IAM members. In order to be able to inform members of the opportunities for themselves and their children, lodge officers are urged to read and discuss the announcement thoroughly. Please note that we now have a vocational-technical two-year scholarship available to both children of members and members. Also, at the 2004 Grand Lodge convention, the delegates voted unanimously to name one of the scholarships after Roman A. Mayfield, a 55-year member of D.L. 751, now deceased. This will be given to one of the scholarship recipients who best represent the spirit of volunteerism and the strong sense of service to their community that was a hallmark of Brother Mayfield.

I thought it was important that while we advise you of the competition, I also bring you up-to-date on the financial condition of our Scholarship Program.

Since its implementation in 1960, the Scholarship Competition has continued to grow. Our financial resources were strong in the beginning and we were able to award as

many as 30 scholarships each year. This past year, 2012-2013, we received 347 applications for scholarships. The fund-raiser that was held in January was a great success and permitted us to award 16 scholarships valued at \$64,000. Currently, there are 63 active awards valued at \$164,000. With your lodge's help, we will continue this program and, hopefully refuel the funding to include awarding many more scholarships in future years.

By Convention resolution the delegates determined that voluntary contributions to finance the funding be set at 50 cents per member per year. If your lodge has not adopted this resolution or has not contributed for this year, please give it serious consideration at your next lodge meeting. The check should be made payable to the IAM Scholarship Program. Please include on the mailing address, Attn:

Accounting Department.

To keep with current times we have made our Scholarship Program fully accessible from the web. We will now announce Scholarship Winners in the IMAIL and will also be available to view at [www.goiam.org](http://www.goiam.org), under the Scholarship Department.

2013 Scholarship winners were announced in the i-Mail dated June 27, 2013.

Also, for the third year, you can now download and print the 3 different Scholarship Applications online:

1. IAM Child of a Member applying for College
2. IAM Child of a Member applying for Vocational/Technical School
3. IAM Member applying for College

At the [goiam.org](http://www.goiam.org) website:

(<http://www.goiam.org/index.php/headquarters/departments/scholarship>) or you can call the Scholarship Department, 301-967-4708 and request an application packet to be mailed. Also, the application packets for the 3 different scholarships were sent to the local and district lodges.

### **DISTRICT LODGE 66 DELEGATE MEETING**

The regular monthly District Lodge Delegate meeting took place on Monday November 18. I was unable to attend this meeting as I was once again in Placid Harbor. Your Delegates took action including: The District reviewed and acted on requests for participation in IAM EAP classes, the 2014 Communication Conference, the IAM Young Workers Conference, and requests for various expenditures put before them. **The Delegates also took action to send a letter to Congressman Ron Kind urging him to vote NO on any Fast Track Authority for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement. I would ask and urge all of our members to contact Congressman Kind and tell him to vote against this agreement; enough is enough. Congressman Kind can be reached my mail to his local office, 205 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S in La Crosse WI, 54601; by Fax to 608-782-4588 and 202-225-5739; and by email to [kind.house.gov/email-ron/](mailto:kind.house.gov/email-ron/).** The Delegates approved the District Lodge 66 Scholarship program for 2014. They also made a donation to the Salvation Army in memorial of Evelyn Gaul, my mother, who

passed away on October 31. I would like to thank the Delegates for doing so. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many folks from our District and our Employers who expressed their thoughts and condolences to me and my family during this difficult time. The next DL Delegate meeting will be on Monday, December 16.

**WISHING YOU AND YOURS A JOYOUS AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON**

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. In this season of Christmas I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday. Spend time with loved ones, reach out to those in pain or in need, and search inside yourself to discover what means the most to you. Find what is real and be happy. As always, to Jo Beth, thanks for all of your help and understanding. I could not be who I am without you.

Once again...Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all! Until next month...