

# Western Montana Building Trades Council

## *SCHOLARSHIP PROCEDURES AND RULES 2026 Dewey Nygarrd Memorial Scholarship*

The Western Montana Building Trades Council awards scholarships as follows:

### **NUMBER OF AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- 1) Three (3) \$750.00 Scholarships are available to an accredited Montana University, College, College of Technology or Union Apprenticeship Program.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1) The student must currently be a member or immediate family member of a Union member "in good standing" of a labor union or a retiree of a Labor Union that is affiliated with a Western Montana Building Trades Council affiliated labor union or a Local affiliated with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.
- 2) The student or family member must have been a member of their union for at least one year.
- 3) The Union member must reside in or be employed in Granite, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, Lake, Sanders, Lincoln, Flathead Counties and Glacier National Park.
- 4) The student must be planning to attend a post-secondary school or training located in Montana.
- 5) The student must, at a minimum, have obtained or be in the process of obtaining, a G.E.D. or High School Diploma when application is being made for the scholarship.
- 6) The student may be a graduating high school student or a current vocational-technical student when application is made for the scholarship.
- 7) Any student (high school senior, college, college of technology or Apprenticeship program) may apply for the scholarship.

### **RULES:**

- 1) Applicants for College Scholarship must submit a complete application and it must be received by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- 2) A complete application includes:
  - I. Completed application form.
  - II. At least one (1) letter of reference.
  - III. The essay as described in the application.
  - IV. Certification of Union membership of the student or a parent.
  - V. An official school or training transcript of recent G.P.A. (grade point average) scores or report card.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA AND AWARD PROCESS:**

- 1) The selection of winning applicants shall be made based on academic achievement, work experience, letters of reference and the students' essay. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all application materials are submitted to the Scholarship Committee.
- 2) The applications shall be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and recommendations for awards forwarded to the Council for concurrence. The Scholarship Committee shall endeavor to make recommendations to the Council at the Council's May delegate meeting. Not all available scholarships will be awarded if there are not enough qualified applicants. Under special circumstances the Scholarship Committee may recommend, and the Council may award additional scholarships.
- 3) Persons who may be conceived as biased for or against any applicant will be excused from the review process. Relatives of applicants or applicants themselves are ineligible to review applications.
- 4) Monetary awards are made directly to the educational institution the student will be attending or directly to an individual.