



April 17, 2026

To: Unifor Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries

RE: ERIC JOHN MEMORIAL BURSARY

Greetings,

The Eric John Memorial Bursary was established in memory of Brother Eric John (1923-2009), who passed away on December 5, 2009. Eric dedicated his working life to making the world a better place in every way he could. Beginning in 1954, he held many elected positions in the UAW and CAW. The most recent position he held was as Vice-Chairperson of the CAW National Retired Workers Advisory Executive. He was actively involved in co-op housing developments and consistently advocated for pensions through government lobbying. Eric was employed by the Ford Motor Company for 32 years, beginning his career as a Tool and Die Maker.

The Unifor Skilled Trades Council is offering three (3) Eric John Memorial Bursaries, each valued at \$2,000. These bursaries are awarded to the sons and daughters of **Unifor Skilled Trades Council members in good standing** who are entering their first year of post-secondary education (university, community college, technological institute, teachers' college, nursing school, etc.).

Submissions should include:

- ✓ A completed official application form (attached)
- ✓ A letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal or community activist
- ✓ A transcript or record of marks

Documents indicating acceptance at one of the institutions described above and proof of enrollment must be submitted before the bursary can be awarded.

Submit your completed application **by June 5, 2026**, by mail or email.

By mail:

Unifor Skilled Trades Council
Attn: Jenny Wong and Selection Committee
115 Gordon Baker Road, Toronto, ON M2H 0A8

By email:

Trades@unifor.org

Individuals with disabilities, women, persons of colour, and Aboriginal Canadians are especially encouraged to apply. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

In solidarity,



Ken Anderson, Chairperson
Unifor National Skilled Trades Council

cc: Lana Payne, Len Poirier, Daniel Cloutier, Assistants, John Breslin, DJ Lacey, Skilled Trades Executive Board



**UNIFOR NATIONAL SKILLED TRADES COUNCIL
MEMBERS' SONS AND DAUGHTERS**

Eric John Memorial Bursary Application

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Telephone: _____

Current school and grade: _____

Program major in which you wish to study: _____

Name of parent/guardian (member of Unifor National Skilled Trades Council):

Unifor Local Union #: _____ Workplace: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

1. What do unions do for their workers and their communities? (200-300 words)
2. A union is active in the betterment of workers' lives and the community in which they live. As a union, what other activities could you partake in to enhance the lives of each other? (50-75 words)
3. Aside from the regulated 40 hours of community service, what have you done to benefit the community in which you live? (50-75 words)

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