



The Iron League of Chicago is a non-profit association comprised of union contractors that hire members of Ironworkers Local #63. ILOC member companies provide funds to the Architectural Iron Industry Advancement Trust Fund that works to advance the architectural iron industry.

This scholarship program, sponsored by the Architectural Iron Industry Advancement Trust Fund, awards college scholarships to children of Local #63 members and to children of employees at companies that employ Local #63 workers.

*If the parent is a member of Local #63
or if the parent works at a company that employs Local #63 members,
his/her children may be eligible for a scholarship.*

All applications MUST be submitted online at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F8BQGTF>

This document provides background information about the scholarships and tells you what information you will need to apply online.

Who is eligible to apply?

All children of active Local #63 members and children of employees at companies that employ Local #63 members are eligible to apply. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens and attend (or will attend) an accredited college or university on a full-time basis. A.I.I. considers full-time basis to be two semesters in one year with at least 12 credit hours per semester.

How many scholarships will be awarded?

The A.I.I. Board of Trustees will determine the number of scholarships awarded and the amounts of each scholarship. The number and the amount of the scholarships have not yet been finalized for this year.

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How many scholarships can I receive?

If all information is submitted on time, each recipient can receive a maximum of 4 scholarships during his/her full-time undergraduate studies.

Does it matter what my major is?

No. However, special consideration will be given to applicants who are majoring in something directly related to construction (i.e. architecture, construction management, engineering, etc.). The special consideration is outlined in the information regarding the essay question.

Are there any special considerations if I received a scholarship in a previous year?

No. All applicants must complete the entire application and applications will be scored according to the criteria outlined on the following pages.

Will each applicant be awarded a scholarship?

No, not necessarily. Applications will be scored according to the criteria outlined in this document.

How do students apply?

All candidates must submit an online application. The link can be found on the Iron League of Chicago website (www.ironleagueofchicago.org). Or, you can go directly to the SurveyMonkey website (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F8BQGTF>). Personal interviews with the Scholarship Committee may be required.

When are applications due?

Applications will be accepted until 11:55pm central on Friday, July 31, 2026. *Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.* **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

How are applicants notified of their scholarship application status?

All applicants will be notified of their status by email before August 31, 2026.

If a student is awarded a scholarship, how and when does he/she receive the funds?

Checks payable to the student will be distributed by September 15, 2026. It is the student's responsibility to apply the funds towards his/her educational expenses. Checks will be sent directly from our bank and will come from an account called "AIIA Fund". The memo line will read "2026 Scholarship".

Important information about the scholarship checks:

Checks will be sent to the address that the student provides on the application. Please ensure

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that the check will be delivered to either your home or school address (whichever you choose). **Checks should be deposited immediately.** If the student does not deposit the check by September 30, 2026, payment on the check **will be stopped**. The “stop payment” fee will be deducted from the student’s scholarship check and **one attempt** will be made by email to contact the student. If the student does not respond within 48 hours of email notification, it will be assumed that the student does not want to accept the scholarship and there will be no scholarship.

How are the applications reviewed?

The information from the online application will be downloaded into a spreadsheet and scored as outlined in this document. All scoring except essay scoring will be done by the ILOC Executive Director. Applicant essays will be reviewed and scored by staff at the DePaul University Labor Education Center. Essay scores will be added to the spreadsheet. The completed spreadsheet with the compiled scores will be distributed to the A.I.I. Board of Trustees for review. The ILOC Board of Directors will award scholarships based on the scores.

What information will I need to complete the application?

- Your name, address, email and cell phone number
- Your parent’s information if he/she is a Local 63 ironworker or if he/she is employed by a company that hires Local 63 ironworkers
 - If your parent is an ironworker, you will need his/her union membership number
 - If your parent is employed by a company that hires Local 63 ironworkers, you will need the name of the company
- The name of the school that you attended in the 2025-2026 school year and the name of the school that you will attend in Fall 2026
- Your major (if you have one)
- Your minor (if you have one)
- What year you will be in Fall 2026 (i.e. Freshman, Sophomore, etc.)
- Your expected graduation date (month and year)
- Your most recent GPA and the maximum GPA that your school awards
- A copy of your most recent transcript
- A copy of your ACT or SAT score
- Information about your extracurricular activities (for maximum credit, you should have a signed copy of a letter from your advisor or coach)
- Information about any volunteer or paid work that you have done (for maximum credit, you should have a signed copy of a letter from your manager)
- Proof of enrollment from the college or university that you will be attending in Fall 2026
- An essay of 300 words or less that addresses the issue “How My Degree Will Positively Impact the Construction Industry”.

How are the applications scored?

Each application is scored on the following criteria and has a maximum of 40 points.

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<i>School Activity</i>	12.5% weighting • 5 points if the student provides a signed letter from a coach or club sponsor verifying the student's activity at the school that the student attended during the 2025-2026 academic year • 0 points if there is no letter or an unsigned letter
<i>Work Activity</i>	12.5% weighting • 5 points if the student provides a signed letter from an employer verifying the student's employment during the 2025-2026 year or if the student provides a signed letter from a volunteer organization verifying the student's volunteer activity during the 2025-2026 year. • 0 points if there is no letter or an unsigned letter
<i>ACT/SAT Score</i>	12.5% weighting • A maximum of 5 points will be awarded based on the applicant's ACT/ SAT test score. The applicant's test score will be calculated on a percentage basis and then applied to a possible 5 points. - ACT Example: Sally scored 24 out of 36 on the ACT. This is calculated to be 66.7% ($24 / 36 = 0.667$). Sally will be awarded 3.33 points out of 5 ($0.667 \times 5 = 3.33$). - SAT Example: Pedro scored 1300 out of 2400 on the SAT. This is calculated to be 58.3% ($1300 / 2400 = 0.583$). Pedro will be awarded 2.92 points out of 5 ($0.583 \times 5 = 2.92$).
<i>GPA</i>	12.5% weighting • A maximum of 5 points will be awarded based on the applicant's latest GPA. The applicant's test score will be calculated on a percentage basis and then applied to a possible 5 points. - Example: Maria's GPA is 3.5 out of 4.0. This is calculated to be 87.5% ($3.5 / 4 = 0.875$). Maria will be awarded 4.38 points out of 5 ($0.875 \times 5 = 4.38$). - Example: Tim's GPA is 4.8 out 6.0. This is calculated to be 80.0% ($4.8 / 6 = 0.80$). Tim will be awarded 4.0 points out of 5 ($0.8 \times 5 = 4.0$).

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Essay

50.0% weighting

- In approximately 300 words, tell us how your degree will positively impact the construction industry. If your college major and career will directly or indirectly involve the construction industry, please tell us how. A maximum of 20 points will be awarded based on the following:

0-2 points Grammar, Punctuation and Capitalization

- 0 points for more than 2 mistakes
- 1 point for 1 mistake
- 2 points for no mistakes

0-8 points Your College Major and Career

- 0 points for undeclared major or major that does not indirectly impact the construction industry
- 2 points for major that indirectly impacts the construction industry
- 8 points for major that directly impacts the construction industry (i.e. architecture, construction management, engineering)

0-10 points Essay Content, including accuracy and originality