



OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS EDUCATION AND SAFETY FUND

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Dear Applicant:

We are enclosing a scholarship application for the period beginning June 1, 2026 and ending May 31, 2027. The application period runs from January 1, 2026 through April 1, 2026 and only covers courses that began on or after June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The completed application must be received in our office by April 1, 2026 to qualify for consideration.

Scholarship funds are to be used for education and training. The funds are not to be used to purchase equipment or tools.

Before submitting this application, please review the following eligibility rules. You will qualify for scholarship consideration if you satisfy one of the following eligibility requirements I, II or III.

- I. If you are an operating engineer, either active or retired, or a widow of an operating engineer, and —
 - a. your application is received during the application period, and
 - b. you have been eligible for benefits from the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan for at least one month during the 12 months preceding the month in which your application is received, or
 - c. you are eligible for benefits from the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan for the month in which your application is received.
 - d. If you are a widow, you must be paying the monthly premium for medical coverage through the Health and Welfare Plan.
- II. If you are a full-time employee of an employer who is obligated by written agreement, other than a collective bargaining agreement, to make monthly contributions to the Education and Safety Fund on behalf of its full-time employees, and —
 - a. your application is received during the application period, and
 - b. you have been a full-time employee for at least three months (90 days) immediately preceding the date that your application is reviewed by the Board of Trustees.
- III. If you are the spouse or the eligible dependent child of an eligible operating engineer, an eligible widow, or an eligible full-time employee as defined in the preceding paragraphs I or II, and —
 - a. your application is received during the application period, and



- b. If applying as an *eligible dependent child*, you must be graduated or graduating from high school in the spring of 2026, not married or previously married, and under the age of 25 at the time of the deadline, April 1, 2026.
(First-time dependent child applicants must send a photocopy of their birth certificate with their application. First-time spouse applicants must send photocopies of their birth certificate and marriage certificate.)

Each year the trustees establish the maximum amounts to be granted based on the number of applications received and the monies available. Rather than reducing the grants to insignificant amounts in order to provide funds for all eligible applicants, the trustees will first establish a minimum base and then grant scholarships in accordance with the following list of priority programs:

1. Members to obtain G.E.D.
2. To take adult education courses that are related to the construction industry.
3. To take vocational education courses.
4. To attend a college or university.
5. For graduate or post-graduate schooling.
6. To attend trade conferences or seminars pertaining to the construction industry.

If you enroll in a course that is entirely online, you must pay for it up front, and can only be reimbursed after the course is successfully completed. You will also be required to provide proof of successful completion for the online course, such as a certificate or an official transcript from the sponsoring school.

Charges that the scholarship *will not* cover include, but are not limited to: room, board, transportation fees, matriculation fees, technology fees, application fees, registration fees, internet, insurance, bus fares, home study courses, correspondence courses, or their books/materials (hybrid or blended courses *may* be covered), private instruction courses, and license fees that are not industry related.

When your application is received at the Fund Office, we will first determine your eligibility for a scholarship. If you are eligible, your application, along with those from all other eligible applicants will be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Education and Safety Fund. The board will meet shortly thereafter to review the applications and determine the amounts to be granted. **You will be notified by the Administrator via first class mail no later than May 31, 2026.**

REMEMBER: The application period closes April 1, 2026.

Any application received after April 1, 2026 will not be accepted. No faxed copies will be accepted. There must be an original signature, or e-signature if applying online, on the application.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship every academic year, you must apply each year beginning January 1st.



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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LAST 4 DIGITS OF SS# _____ BIRTHDATE _____ PHONE # () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PREFER TO BE CONTACTED BY: MAIL OR EMAIL (please check one)

Please check if Applicant is: MARRIED SINGLE

II. SCHOOL INFORMATION: I am planning to attend (if unknown, state "unknown"):

SCHOOL NAME _____

COURSE OF STUDY _____

- TAKING GED CLASSES
- TAKING COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY COURSES
- TAKING ADULT EDUCATION COURSES
- TAKING GRADUATE OR POST-GRADUATE COURSES
- ATTENDING SEMINAR OR CONFERENCE
- OTHER, explain _____

III. APPLICANT STATUS: I am applying as the:

- EMPLOYEE** OF A CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYER
- SPOUSE** OF AN EMPLOYEE OF A CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYER
- DEPENDENT** OF AN EMPLOYEE OF A CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYER

NAME OF MEMBER _____

MEMBER'S EMPLOYER _____

MEMBER'S OCCUPATION _____

LAST 4 DIGITS OF MEMBER'S SS# _____ LOCAL 18 DISTRICT # _____

*****PLEASE COMPLETE BACK OF FORM*****



IV. FINANCIAL NEED INFO: *Please estimate if exact total has not yet been determined*

TO COMPLETE MY EDUCATION DURING THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, I NEED A **TOTAL OF**
\$ _____

V. SCHOOL TERM INFO: *Your classes *MUST* begin on or after June 1, 2026*

MY SCHOOL TERM BEGINS ON: _____

VI. SCHOLARSHIP INFO

LIST ALL SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS AWARDED TO YOU FROM OTHER SOURCES,
INCLUDING THE AMOUNTS AWARDED. IF NONE RECEIVED, STATE "NONE"

VII. SIGNATURE

I understand that the decision to grant or deny me financial assistance is within the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Operating Engineers Education and Safety Fund. All statements contained herein are true and for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance from the Fund. If awarded financial assistance, I agree to provide the Trustees of the Education and Safety Fund with such records as they may require prior to receiving any financial assistance or reimbursement of any expense.

Date _____
(Signature of Applicant)

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

Please read and keep the instruction letter that was attached to the front of this application form.

APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2026. No faxed copies will be accepted. Application must have original signature or e-signature if applying online.