

Seven children of NALC members win Union Plus scholarships

Union Plus has awarded scholarships to seven children of NALC members.

Union Plus, established by the AFL-CIO to provide benefits to union members and their families, has awarded scholarships since 1992 to union members or members of their families. This year, Union Plus awarded \$200,000 in scholarships to 189 students representing 38 unions.

Isabella Bolbecker of Audubon, NJ, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Bolbecker's brother-in-law and legal guardian, **Matthew Tessing**, is a member of South Jersey, NJ Branch 908. Isabella will attend Rowan College in New Jersey this fall, where she plans to major in education. A favorite teacher helped guide her through tumultuous periods in her life, inspiring Bolbecker to become a teacher and help her students overcome hardships through education. "My teacher left a tremendous effect on me with encouragement, compassion, and even wishing me a good morning," Bolbecker said. "I hope to leave an impact just as my teacher did."



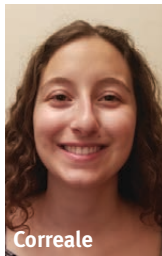
Clark

Margaret Rose Clark of Shakopee, MN, was awarded a scholarship of \$500. Clark's father, **Alan Clark**, is a member of St. Paul Branch 28.

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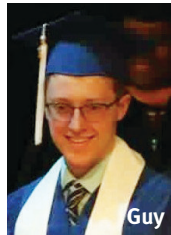
Malden, MA, whose father, **Ronald Correale**, is a member of Boston Branch 34, was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Kayleena Green of Coquille, OR, was



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awarded a \$500 scholarship. Green's father, **Friend Green**, is a member of North Bend, OR Branch 2342. Green is a biochemistry and molecular biology major at Oregon State University; she expects to graduate in June 2023. She is an undergraduate researcher studying the circadian rhythm of mice. Green's goal is to become a research neuroscientist and she hopes that her research will help people who suffer from cognitive disorders. Friend Green is also an International Brotherhood of Teamsters member, and her mother, Jennifer Green, is a Service Employees International Union member.



Guy

Nathan Guy of Laurel, MS, whose father, **Kenneth Guy**, is a member of Laurel, MS Branch 1437, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Heather Knowlton of Bowling Green,

OH, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Both of her parents, father **Jeffery Knowlton** and mother **Debra Knowlton**, are members of Toledo, OH Branch 100.

Knowlton plans to major in a health profession-related field of study when she begins college this fall. She aspires to become a pediatrician and would like to work with Doctors Without Borders. Knowlton's family cared for eight foster children during her high school years, which inspired her career path choice. "Every child we took in was not up to date with their immunizations, and they were not properly nourished," she said. "These experi-



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ences have made me realize that I would like to be in a position where I can give foster children the help they may need. I can help set them on a good life path and in a good direction, despite their beginnings. In the future, I plan to become a foster parent as well."



Lapierre

Alyssa Lapierre of Hollis, NH, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Her father, **Christopher Lapierre**, is a member of Nashua, NH Branch 230. Lapierre is a nursing student at

Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, and expects to graduate in May 2024. She found her passion for the nursing field during her high school health science occupations classes. She also became a certified nursing assistant (CNA) through Manchester [New Hampshire] Community College while in high school. Lapierre's mother, Donna Lapierre, is an American Federation of Teachers member.

The Union Plus Scholarship Program awards scholarships based on outstanding academic achievement, personal character, financial need, and commitment to the values of organized labor. Since starting the program in 1991, Union Plus has awarded \$5.2 million in educational funding to 3,600 union members, spouses and dependent children. Union Plus Scholarship awards are granted to students attending a two-year college, four-year college, graduate school, or recognized technical or trade school.

For information about scholarship eligibility and applications, go to unionplus.org/scholarship. **PR**