

# Members' children win scholarships

**A**gain this year, the Union Plus Scholarship Program has awarded financial aid to NALC members' children for their college education.

"During these challenging economic times, with college tuition rising and many working families struggling just to get by, we're pleased to be helping some of the labor movement's most promising students achieve their college dreams," said Leslie Tolf, president of Union Privilege, the organization that administers the scholarship program, in addition to the credit card, mortgage assistance, and a plethora of other financial aid and discount programs offered under the Union Plus brand.

Scholarships are given to students who demonstrate not only stellar academic ability and keen social awareness, but also active support for the labor movement.

## This year's recipients:

- ▶ Holly LaCount, daughter of Diana LaCount of Eureka, California Branch 348, won a \$4,000 scholarship. Holly is a three-time Union Plus Scholarship winner and is pursuing a double major in political science and business, with a concentration in international relations. "My mom has shown me that when workers get involved with their union, change happens," Holly said. "For me, it is not a matter of if I can make change, but when I will make change."
- ▶ A \$1,500 award was given to Luke Seppi, stepson of Mark Goggin from Lanham, Maryland Branch 4819. Seppi's father, grandfather and uncle are union members, and he aspires to be one, too. "Most importantly," he says, "my stepfather is a member of NALC, which has provided many benefits for my family." He plans to follow in two of his older

brothers' footsteps and pursue engineering.

More than 5,000 applied for scholarships this year. A committee of professional educators selected 121 award winners representing 42 unions. Since it began in 1991, the program has doled out more than \$3 million in educational funding to more than 1,900 union members, spouses and dependent children.

Thanks to Union Privilege and Union Plus, NALC members and families have access to multiple opportunities besides the scholarship, many of which are featured in this magazine each month.

To find out more about Union Plus offers, go to [nalc.org](http://nalc.org). Click on "About NALC," then select "For Members." There, you can also access links to the Union Plus Scholarship application for 2011, and to information about the Doherty, Donelan and Lemonopoulos scholarships, offered solely to the children of NALC members. ✉

Union Plus—helping union families get ahead.

## Scholarships

Helping union families realize their dreams

**G**oing back to school? Sending your children to college? Learn more about the scholarship opportunities available to you as a union member. Union Plus supports working families by providing these scholarships to help you focus on your studies instead of your tuition bill.



**UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP**

- Awards ranging from \$500 to \$4,000 are available to students attending two-year and four-year colleges, recognized technical or trade schools, and graduate schools
- Current and retired union members, their spouses and dependent children are eligible
- Applicants are available in September. To apply just download an application at [UnionPlus.org/Scholarship](http://UnionPlus.org/Scholarship) and return it by January 31.

**UNION LEADERS OF THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

- Helping more women and people of color pursue union career goals and enhance leadership skills
- Annual awards up to \$3,000 to cover the cost of continuing education or training
- To be applied toward the completion of an accredited degree, coursework or seminar at an accredited educational institution
- Applications are available in January. To apply just download an application at [UnionPlus.org/Scholarship](http://UnionPlus.org/Scholarship) and return it by May 31

**UNION PLUS NATIONAL LABOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

- A total of \$25,000 is awarded each year to help union members attend the world's only university dedicated to labor education
- Take classes at your own pace and schedule with a unique program tailor-made for full-time working men and women
- Please contact Tracie Sumner in the Office of Student Finance at the National Labor College at 301-628-4253 or email [sumner@nlc.edu](mailto:sumner@nlc.edu) for more information



For details about all the scholarship opportunities available to union members, visit

[www.UnionPlus.org/Scholarship](http://www.UnionPlus.org/Scholarship)



John Lareau, a 1967 winner of the NALC's William C. Doherty Scholarship, was in Washington recently and stopped by NALC Headquarters to visit President Fred Rolando. Lareau's father, Clarence, is a retired member of Worcester, MA Br. 12. Lareau applied his winnings—at the time, a renewable annual award of \$500—toward the pursuit of an engineering degree from the University of Massachusetts. He eventually went on to become a chief engineer at Westinghouse Electric. (For more information about the Doherty scholarship and other student financial aid available to children of NALC members, see the inside of the back cover.)