

Three NALC members' children awarded Union Plus scholarships



Three children of NALC members recently were awarded scholarships from Union Plus, the benefits arm of the AFL-CIO's Union Privilege program.

"Education is a key to helping working people advance and improve their lives and the lives of their families," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "Our union is proud to support Union Plus as a way of helping these young people along the path of achieving their dreams. Our congratulations to these and all of the scholarship winners."

A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Dylan Leone, whose father, **David**, is a member of Pittsburgh Branch 84. One of Dylan's great-grandfathers was a union coal miner, one grandfather was a union air traffic controller, while both his father and his other grandfather also were in unions while employed by the U.S. Postal Service. "My father's union helps provide my family with a fair wage, but it affords us much more," Dylan said. "Everything I have I owe to unions."

Also receiving a \$1,000 scholarship was Oscar Wong, whose father, **Kenneth**, is a member of Garden Grove, CA Branch 1100. It's the Stanford University student's third time being honored with a Union Plus scholarship. "My father's 20-year membership in the union has strongly affected my life," Oscar said, adding that the scholarships have helped him realize his Chinese-Vietnamese immigrant parents' dream of providing a good education for their son.

Brianna Dombó, whose father, **Dennis**, is a member of Cleveland Branch 40, was awarded a \$750 scholarship. Brianna's passion is graphic design; throughout high school, she took classes and interned at a greeting card company to help hone her skills, and she intends to pursue her passion in the fall.

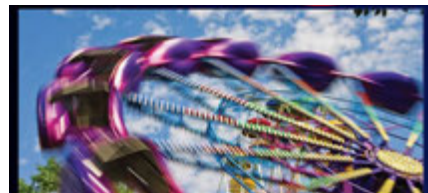
All told, Union Plus awarded nearly \$150,000 in scholarships this year to 115 students, chosen from more than 5,300 applications representing 36 unions. Since starting the scholarship program

in 1991, Union Plus has awarded more than \$3.5 million in educational funding to nearly 2,300 union members, spouses and dependent children.

Union Plus scholarships are granted to students attending a college, graduate school or recognized technical or trade school. Recipients are selected based on academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor.

The AFL-CIO created Union Privilege in 1986 to take advantage of the collective buying power of unions and to provide union members and their families with valuable benefits.

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