

# BCTGM INTERNATIONAL UNION

# 2026 David B. Durkee Memorial Scholarship



## RULES & REGULATIONS

**The David B. Durkee Memorial Scholarship Program awards five (5) \$5,000 one-time awards each year.** The scholarship is open to:

- 1) Members of the BCTGM, and
- 2) The children of members

The International Union will deposit a one-time sum of \$5,000 for each scholarship winner with the accredited college, recognized technical or vocational post-secondary school at which the award winner is registered and/or is attending.

### Eligibility for Competition

An applicant must be either:

- 1) a member of the BCTGM in good standing, or
- 2) the son, daughter, stepchild, legally adopted child or under the guardianship of a BCTGM member in good standing, or the child of a deceased BCTGM member who had at least five years of membership.

In addition, applicants must be either:

- **High school students** planning to enter college, or a recognized technical or vocational post-secondary school for the first time following their graduation during 2026, or
- **High school graduates** who have never attended college or a recognized technical or vocational school.

**David B. Durkee Memorial Scholarships Are NOT Available to:**

- applicants who do not intend to work without interruption for a bachelor's degree or to achieve graduation from a recognized vocational school;
- members' children who are attending or have already attended college;

- graduate students (except if applying as a member);
- spouses of members;
- grandchildren of members (unless grandparent is legal guardian).

### Procedures

All forms and instructions are available at [www.bctgm.org/scholarship](http://www.bctgm.org/scholarship).

- Each applicant must submit an official David B. Durkee Memorial Scholarship Program **Application Form**.
- Each applicant must submit an official David B. Durkee Memorial Scholarship Program **Personal Profile Form**.
- Each applicant must have their high school administrator submit an official David B. Durkee Memorial Scholarship Program **Academic Report Form**. The report should reflect the first semester grades for the senior year.
- **ESSAY**—Each applicant is required to write & submit a 250-500 word essay to demonstrate applicants ability to organize thoughts & express oneself.

**Essay Topic: "Organized Labor's Contribution to the Welfare of the People of North America."**

The purpose of this essay is not to provide a history of the labor movement, but to provide the Board of Judges with an opportunity to discover what you have learned about the labor movement's important contributions to our society and the impact the BCTGM Union has had on your family.

## Tests and Scores

The David B. Durkee Memorial Scholarship does **not** require applicants to submit SAT, ACT or equivalent test scores.

## Selection of Scholarship Recipients

A Board of Judges shall choose the winners based upon their judgment of the scholastic records of the contestants, the quality of the essays submitted, and the replies contained in the "Personal Profile." The judges shall select the most qualified applicants. **One** of those selected may be a member of the BCTGM. The decisions of the Board of Judges shall be final.

**Announcement of the winners will be made during the month of May.** Upon being notified that a Scholarship Award has been granted, the winner shall immediately notify the David B. Durkee Memorial Scholarship Program to which school the winner has been accepted for proper handling of the one-time scholarship award.

## Please address all inquiries to:

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**ALL REQUIREMENTS DUE BY: March 15, 2026**

