



**May 10, 2024**

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**TO: Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries and All Staff**

Greetings:

**ERIC JOHN MEMORIAL BURSARY**

The Unifor National Skilled Trades Council is pleased to award the Eric John Memorial Bursary to the child of **one Unifor Skilled Trades member in good standing**.

This bursary is awarded in memory of Brother Eric John, who passed away on December 5, 2009. Eric dedicated his working life to making the world a better place. He held many elected positions in the UAW and CAW, beginning his activist career in 1954 at the Ford Motor Company as a Tool and Die Maker for 32 years of dedicated service. The most recent position John held was Vice-Chair of the CAW National Retired Workers Advisory Executive. Brother John was active in Co-op housing developments and lobbying all levels of government for pension improvements.

This \$1000 bursary is awarded to a child of one **Unifor Skilled Trades Member in good standing**, entering their first year of post-secondary education.

Submissions must include:

- An official application form (attached);
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, or community activist;
- Transcript/record of marks;
- Documents indicating acceptance at one of the institutions described above; and
- Proof of registration.

Students from all equity seeking groups that meet the qualifications listed above are encouraged to apply.

Submit your completed application to:

Unifor Skilled Trades Council  
Attn: Sandra Ireoha  
115 Gordon Baker, Toronto, ON M2H 0A8  
E-mail to: [trades@unifor.org](mailto:trades@unifor.org)

**The bursary application deadline is May 31, 2024.**

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Cassidy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

**Dave Cassidy**  
Chairperson  
Unifor Skilled Trades Council

cc: Leadership. John Breslin, Phil Fryer, Unifor National Skilled Trades Executive



## UNIFOR SKILLED TRADES

### Eric John Memorial Bursary Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian (Member of Unifor National Skilled Trades Council): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Unifor Local Union #: \_\_\_\_\_ Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Unifor Local Area Skilled Trades Sub Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Present School and grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field in which you wish to study: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following three questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. What do unions do for their workers and their communities? (200-300 words)
2. A union is active in the betterment of workers' lives and the community in which they live. As a union what other activities could you partake in to enhance the lives of others? (50-75 words)
3. Aside from the regulated 40 hours of community service, what have you done to benefit the community in which you live? (50-75 words)