

UMWA - Lorin E. Kerr Scholarships

Two UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarships will be awarded for the 2026-2027 academic year to help individuals pursue undergraduate degrees in any field at accredited colleges or universities in the United States or Canada.

Who is eligible? Scholarships will only be awarded to members in good-standing of the UMWA, their dependents, their grandchildren, and the grandchildren of their surviving spouses who are associate members of the UMWA.

How much is it worth? The UMWA will award two scholarships for the 2026-2027 academic year, each for \$2,500. Each will be paid in equal installments—Sept. 2026 and Jan. 2027 - as long as the winners have been accepted to a degree program at a qualified institution.

How can the scholarship be used? The scholarship can be used only for education expenses. It is not transferable and will be forfeited if the recipient does not remain a student in good standing.

How will the winners be chosen? A preliminary screening committee will select applications to be reviewed by an independent scholarship selection committee. The decision of the committee will be published in the UMW Journal.

To apply for the scholarship, fill out the form below and mail it, along with the additional material specified in the instructions to:

**UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarship Fund,
18354 Quantico Gateway Dr., Suite 200
Triangle, VA 22172.**

UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarship Fund Application Form

(Please print or type)

INSTRUCTIONS: Applications must be submitted along with the following material postmarked no later than February 13, 2026.

1. High school transcript (official).
2. Transcript of any college (or other advanced) study (official).
3. Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, or equivalent (if taken).
4. A 500-word essay that addresses the following questions:
 - Why are you applying for this scholarship? Include a description of any unusual family or personal circumstances that have affected your school activities or work experience or that may affect your ability to achieve your goals.
 - What are your educational plans and career objectives?
 - In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing the organized labor movement today?
5. On a separate sheet, describe your extracurricular activities and hobbies.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birth date: _____

Are you a UMWA member? _____

If yes, L.U. _____ District: _____

If no, are you a dependent or a grandchild of a current UMWA

Member? Yes _____ No _____

Last four digits of the Member's SSN? _____

UMWA member's name: _____

Relationship to member: _____

L.U. _____ District: _____

Degree program in which you intend to enroll (associate's degree, bachelor's degree, etc.):

College or university at which you intend to study: _____

References:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Note: Please have your references submit letters of recommendation directly to the UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarship Fund at the above address. At least one of your recommendations must be from an instructor or teacher.

In accordance with the UMWA Constitution, the UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarship Fund does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, nationality or sex.