Minnesota Association of Public Employees (MAPE) Local 1801 Scholarship Fund

Purpose

The MAPE Local 1801 scholarship fund awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors or currently enrolled college students seeking degrees, diploma or certificates. For MAPE members pursuing a higher level degree, continuing education, or certification that is not sponsored or reimbursed by the employer.

Eligibility

The applicant must:

- Have one parent or legal guardian who is a member of MAPE Local 1801 or be a member themselves. A member is defined as a full-share member who has been a member for at least one year prior to application. This definition includes currently employed members, a member laid off or retired within the last 12 months or a member on disability leave.
- Be accepted or enrolled into an accredited 4-year college/university, graduate school, 2year college, or vocational/technical school for the current school year. MAPE member's are eligible if pursuing a part time degree.
- Have demonstrated leadership skills, involvement in extracurricular activities (arts, athletics, clubs, employment, personal commitments, and other pursuits), a history of volunteering or participation in community service organizations

Criteria

In order to apply the applicant must complete a scholarship form, essay, supply up to two references, and a letter of verification. The essay including <u>both</u> question must be 800 words or less:

- 1. How has the union influenced or affected you or your family?
- 2. Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and/or your future goals.

Awards are based on academic achievement, participation in extra-curricular activities, clubs, professional organizations, volunteer work, and community service; demonstrated leadership, essay responses, letter of verification, and references.

Application Timeline

Applications will be available on April 1[,] 2024. A complete application must be received via email (<u>MAPELocal1801@gmail.com</u>) on or before May 15 2024. All Scholarship winners will be notified by June 11 2024.

Scholarship Award Amounts

Two scholarships of up to \$1,250 each will be awarded in the fall of 2023. College students may apply each year. Awards will be made payable and mailed directly to the recipients' college/university in care of the recipient for \$1,250 or the amount of the tuition (whichever is less), an invoice must be submitted to MAPE 1801 to be awarded the scholarship.

Award Date

The scholarship committee will determine recipients of scholarship awards by June 11th 2024. All individuals will be notified by email of their application outcome. Please note that due to the volume of applications, we cannot provide any information on the status of an application before award announcements are made at the June 2024 local 1801 meeting.