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**Qualified SUNY students urged to apply**  
**UUP opens scholarship application process**

SUNY students can now apply for annual scholarships of \$3,000 offered by United University Professions (UUP), the union that represents academic and professional faculty of the State University of New York. The scholarships are funded by contributions from UUP members and their families.

The UUP College Scholarship Fund annually awards scholarships to a maximum of four SUNY undergraduates who have demonstrated their dedication to the goals and ideals of the labor movement and who excel academically. In order to qualify, applicants must be full-time undergraduates enrolled at a SUNY state-operated campus and possess a minimum grade-point average of 3.75.

Full-time graduate or professional SUNY students are eligible to apply for UUP's William Scheuerman Post Baccalaureate Scholarship. Applicants must have a course load of at least nine credits, have completed at least nine credits, and hold a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.95. Law and health science students must have completed at least one full semester. Eligible applicants must also exhibit dedication to the goals and ideals of the labor union movement. This annual \$3,000 scholarship is named in honor of former UUP president William Scheuerman.

For both scholarships, students must also demonstrate personal and academic achievement, and display a strong record of community service. UUP awards the scholarships to students on a one-time basis, but there is no limit on how many times a student may apply. The application deadline is Feb. 28, 2014.

"UUP is proud to offer these scholarships to the best and brightest students attending SUNY," said UUP President Frederick E. Kowal. "In addition to their academic achievements, what will set the winners apart is their involvement in social issues and community activities."

The union has awarded 82 scholarships since UUP began its scholarship program in 1988.

Three of the UUP undergraduate scholarships are given in honor of former UUP members and their families who generously contributed their time and money to the scholarship fund. The scholarships honor the late Eugene Link of SUNY Plattsburgh; the late Robert Carter of SUNY Oswego and his wife, Katherine; and the late Gertrude Butera of SUNY Alfred.

Students may obtain and complete scholarship applications online through UUP's website at <http://www.uupinfo.org/scholarships/scholarship.php>. For more information, contact the UUP Administrative Office in Albany toll-free at (800) 342-4206.

UUP represents 35,000 academic and professional faculty on 29 New York state-operated campuses, including SUNY's public teaching hospitals and health science centers in Brooklyn, Long Island and Syracuse. It is an affiliate of NYSUT, the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association, and the AFL-CIO.