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**UUP College Scholarship Fund opens 2020 application process**

ALBANY – SUNY students are invited to apply for annual scholarships of \$3,000 offered by United University Professions, the union representing academic and professional faculty of the State University of New York.

**The application deadline for the scholarships is March 1, 2020.** Scholarship applications are on UUP's website, at <https://uupinfo.org/awards>.

The UUP College Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to a maximum of four SUNY undergraduates who excel academically and are dedicated to the goals and ideals of the labor movement. Applicants must be full-time students enrolled at SUNY state-operated schools and have a minimum grade point average of 3.75.

Full-time graduate and professional SUNY students can apply for UUP's William Scheuerman Post Baccalaureate Scholarship. The scholarship is named in honor of former UUP President William Scheuerman.

To apply, students must have at least nine credits and hold a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.95. Law and health science students must complete at least one full semester prior to applying for the scholarship. Applicants must show dedication to the labor movement's goals and ideals.

Applicants for both scholarships must 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 the number of times a student may apply.

“UUP's Scholarship Fund is an excellent example of how UUP provides support to our students who are working toward their degrees,” said UUP President Fred Kowal. “In addition to their academic achievements, the students we honor have made significant contributions in their communities and working on social issues.”

The scholarships are funded by contributions from UUP members and their families.

UUP has awarded nearly 100 scholarships since the union's scholarship program began in 1988. Three of the undergraduate scholarships are given in honor of former UUP members and their families who generously supported the Scholarship Fund. Those members are 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 can access, complete and download scholarship applications online on UUP's website, at <https://uupinfo.org/awards>.

For more information, contact UUP's Administrative Office at (800) 342-4206.

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