

SUAA Foundation Educational Scholarship Guidelines

The SUAA Foundation offers up to eight scholarships of up to \$1,000 per scholarship annually. The scholarships are awarded for use in accredited degree-seeking programs, eligible technical/trade programs, and eligible certificate programs. The applicant must be an SUAA member in good standing or the spouse/partner, child, or grandchild of an SUAA member in good standing. Application materials are available on the SUAA Foundation website.

Applications will be reviewed beginning June 1, 2025

Criteria for Scholarship

To be eligible to apply for a SUAA Foundation Scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

The applicant must be a SUAA member in good standing or the spouse/partner, child or grandchild of a SUAA member in good standing. The terms “child” and “grandchild” include stepchildren and step-grandchildren. Eligible people may join SUAA by completing the online membership form at www.suaa.org.

Application Procedure

The evaluation of applications shall begin on June 1, 2025. Applications will be evaluated until all scholarships have been awarded.

All applications and supporting documentation for scholarships must be submitted to:

SUAA

Attn: Foundation Scholarship Committee

217 East Monroe Street, Suite 100

Springfield, IL 62701.

All required documentation must be submitted in one packet.

Only complete applications with all required supporting documents will be considered by the SUAA Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Selection and Award Process

Annually, the SUAA Foundation will offer up to eight (8) scholarships of up to \$1,000 per scholarship.

All completed applications that are submitted will be reviewed by the SUAA Foundation Scholarship Committee. The evaluation of applications shall begin on June 1, 2025. The award year is Fall 2025 through Summer 2026. Applicants may apply throughout the year; however, preference will be given to those who apply by June 1, 2025.

Scholarships will be awarded throughout the year until all eight scholarships have been awarded. Applications will be evaluated until all scholarships have been awarded.

Scholarships will be awarded for expenses related to educational and technical/trade programs, such as tuition, fees, supplies, etc.

Scholarships are given for one year. Scholarships can be awarded to the same recipient for subsequent years, provided the recipient completes and submits a new application each year. Priority will be given to first-time submissions.

Unless otherwise specified, the scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000. If the scholarship is for supplies in an amount less than \$1,000, that lesser amount will be the amount of the scholarship.

Selection will be based on applicant's essay, letters of recommendations and demonstration of need.

All decisions by the SUAA Foundation Scholarship Committee are final.

Notice of Scholarship

The SUAA Foundation Scholarship Committee will email notice of an awarded scholarship to each recipient. Scholarships are given for one year. The year/dates will be included in the award letter. The Committee will also email notice to other applicants, informing them that they did not receive the scholarship.

If the scholarship is for tuition and fees, the scholarship payment will be made by check on behalf of the recipient to the appropriate school. If the scholarship is for supplies, the recipient must submit receipts before funds are released for reimbursement.

If the recipient does not enroll or does not submit the appropriate receipts, the funds will remain in the SUAA Foundation to be awarded to another eligible applicant.

The SUAA Foundation Scholarship Committee will email notice of an awarded scholarship to the President of the appropriate SUAA Chapter.

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SUAA Membership Certification Form

This one-page form is to be completed by the SUAA Member. The application on the following pages is to be completed by the applicant. Evaluations of applications will begin on June 1, 2025.

Please print.

Name of SUAA Member _____

Email of SUAA Member _____

Name of SUAA Chapter _____

Name of Applicant _____

Relationship of Applicant to SUAA Member

- Self
- Spouse/partner
- Child*
- Grandchild*

*For the purposes of this application, the term “child” includes stepchildren and the term “grandchild” includes step-grandchildren.

I certify that the above information is accurate and that I am a SUAA member in good standing. If you are not a member of SUAA and would like to join, visit www.suaa.org to complete and submit the membership application.

Signature _____

Date _____

SUAA Foundation Educational Scholarship Application

To be completed by applicant.

To be considered for a SUAA Foundation Scholarship, submit this application, the SUAA Membership Certification Form, an essay and two letters of recommendation to: SUAA, Attn: Foundation Scholarship Committee, 217 East Monroe Street, Suite 100, Springfield, IL 62701. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. The evaluation of applications will begin June 1, 2025.

General Information *(Please print)*

Name _____

School ID: If you receive a scholarship, you will need to submit your school identification number, if applicable.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Name of school/college/university _____

Name of program/training _____

Anticipated dates of enrollment _____

Scholarship being requested (check one)

- Technical/Trade Training (Must be designated as a program eligible for Federal Financial Aid)
- Certification (Must be designated as a program eligible for Federal Financial Aid)
- Undergraduate (2 or 4 degree) Tuition or fees
- Graduate Tuition or fees
- Post graduate
- Books/Supplies (specify) _____
- Other (specify) _____

Additional Documents

Submit the following documents with the completed application form:

- A typed essay (500 words or less) that discusses your career/education goals and any financial barriers to paying program costs, including supplies.
- Two (2) Letters of recommendation. Please include the name and title of each person submitting a recommendation. Recommendations should be requested from people (Such as high school teacher, academic advisor, college faculty member, school administrator, work supervisor) who can discuss your qualifications to achieve your educational or career goals. Letters of recommendation should not be from relatives or friends.

Award Form Certification

I certify that all information provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the SUAA Foundation Scholarship Committee to verify the information that is contained in this form.

Signature

Date