

Scholarship Application

Statement of Purpose

The Wright Thing To Do Scholarship (“Trust”) was established in 2011, by John D. Wright, in conjunction with the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 354 of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada. The purpose of the Trust is to provide financial aid to individuals enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full or part-time student in an accredited college (including community college), university or vocational educational institution.

The Trust is supported by gifts from individuals, business, unions, foundations and other entities that make charitable contributions, and from the income earned on the investments of the Trust.

In order to be eligible for receipt of scholarship funds, an applicant must be: (i) the child of a current member of the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 354; (ii) the child of current member of any local union within the United Association that is a member of the Pennsylvania Pipe Trades, New Jersey Pipe Trades or New York Pipe Trades; or (iii) currently enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full or part-time student in the Westmoreland County Community College.

Completed applications for financial aid from the Trust must be postmarked no later than **June 15th of the year you apply**. Trustees review all properly completed applications and may award one or more scholarships in or about July of each year. Prior recipients are eligible to receive additional aid, however, such recipients must complete a new application at the time of each request.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Applications must be filled out by the applicant. Please type or print clearly.
2. All requirements must be met and all information must be completed in order for the application to be considered.
3. Enclose with your application **two sealed letters of recommendation**. Each recommendation shall be from an unrelated third party and at least one of these letters must be from your teacher or another person in a position to evaluate your academic performance and ability.
4. Attach a personal statement of no more than 500 words on the topic of **“If you could travel to one place, where would you go and why?”**
5. Attach a **sealed** transcript of your high school grades **OR** if you are already attending an institution of higher learning, please include only your college transcript.
6. Include a copy of your college acceptance letter.
7. Review and complete the scholarship application and certification on the back of this application. **BE SURE YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION IS SIGNED.**
8. Retain a copy of the completed application for your files.
9. The Application Deadline is **June 15th of the year that you apply.** All applications postmarked after this date will **not** be considered.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU INCLUDE ALL PAGES, ESPECIALLY THE PERSONAL INFORMATION PAGE OF THE APPLICATION, WHEN SENDING IT IN. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. WE CANNOT CONSIDER ANY INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR THOSE WE CANNOT READ.

Application

Please print clearly or type. Information must be filled out by applicant. Read all instructions carefully.

A. Personal Information:

Name

Home Address

City/State/Zip

Cell Phone # Email Address

Date of Birth

B. United Association Affiliation:

Who in your family is a UA member? Please provide the card number for all UA members. Check all that apply.

Mother Name _____
 Local # _____ Member Since _____
 UA Card Number _____

Father Name _____
 Local # _____ Member Since _____
 UA Card Number _____

Other Name _____
 Relationship to Applicant _____
 Local # _____ Member Since _____
 Relationship: _____
 UA Card Number _____

[use additional pages if necessary]

**At the end of the current school year,
I will have completed:**

High School

The first semester of my:

1st year college

2nd year college

3rd year college

4th year college

**In the fall of the upcoming academic
year, I will attend:**

Community college or junior college

College or University

Vocational Institution

Intended or Current Major: _____

C. Eligibility: In order to be eligible to receive a scholarship, each applicant must:

1. (a) Be the child of a current enrolled member of: (i) Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 354, (ii) any local union within the United Association that is a member of the Pennsylvania Pipe Trades, New Jersey Pipe Trades or New York Pipe Trades; or be currently enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full or part-time student in the Westmoreland County Community College;
2. Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full or part-time student in an accredited college (including community college), university or vocational educational institution;
3. Demonstrate financial need, personal motivation, educational and career goals, academic success and extracurricular activities; and
4. Demonstrate evidence of ability to succeed in a post-secondary education environment. In most cases this is demonstrated through maintaining a minimum 2.50 grade point average in a standard high school or post-secondary curriculum, provided however that this standard is subject to the discretion of the Selection Committee.

D. Award Criteria:

Awards will be based on academic achievement, potential, personal achievement, and community involvement. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Applications will be judged by an impartial Selection Committee. Financial need will be one of the main factors that is considered in making awards. The Selection Committee shall have the discretion to request information concerning the financial circumstances of applicants and to use this information in the award of Scholarships.

E. Other Scholarships or Financial Aid:

List below any other scholarships or financial aid you will be awarded for the **upcoming** school year and include the amount awarded to you.

F. Educational Background:

Name and Location of School (City/State)	Attendance Dates (Month/Date)	Major/Field	GPA	Class Rank
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				

Use additional pages if necessary.

SAT or ACT Scores

Test taken: _____ Date taken: _____ Score: _____

Schools to which you have applied:

Schools to which you have applied:		Check if Accepted
(1) _____	Location: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	Location: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	Location: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	Location: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) _____	Location: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Anticipated graduation date: _____

G. Resume:

Please provide typewritten information on any employment you have held, any sports or extracurricular activities you participate in, any volunteer or community service in which you have engaged, any awards you have received and any talents and hobbies you may have.

Your resume should be attached to this application.

H. Letters of Reference:

Please enclose **two sealed recommendation letters**. At least one of these letters must be from your teacher or another individual who is in a position to evaluate your academic performance and ability.

I. Personal Statement

Please submit a personal statement of 500 words or less on the topic of **“If you could travel to one place, where would you go and why.”**

Your personal statement must be typewritten and included in the returned application.

Applications must be postmarked by June 15th of the year you are applying and mailed to the following address:

The Wright Thing To Do Scholarship Trust
C/o John and Linda Wright
732 Cochran Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601

Scholarship Awards will be announced in July.

J. Miscellaneous:

1. The Wright Thing To Do Scholarship Fund reserves the right to use the name and/or photograph of scholarship award recipients in promotional materials designed to increase awareness of the Scholarship Fund and to solicit funding or advertise events for the Scholarship Fund.
2. The Selection Committee reserves the right to reject any application that fails to fully comply with the Selection Criteria established by the Trustees.
3. The Selection Committee reserves the right to revoke any scholarship in the event that an award recipient (i) becomes academically ineligible; (ii) is no longer enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational educational institution; (iii) conducts himself/herself in any way that, in the sole discretion of the Selection Committee, renders him or her unfit for a scholarship award; or (iv) makes any misrepresentation or submits any misleading or false information for consideration.
4. Unless otherwise disqualified, any unsuccessful applicant shall have the right to reapply for the next available scholarship award.
5. **All scholarships awarded by the Trust shall be paid directly to the recipient's chosen educational institution. Each recipient shall be responsible for providing all necessary address information for the applicable college/university/vocational institution so that disbursement of scholarship funds may be made by the Trust.**
6. **Scholarships winners will be notified via your email address, so please be sure to check your email.**

Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that all of the information I have included in and with my application is true and correct. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be required to submit proof of my relationship to a United Association member and of my acceptance to or enrollment in an accredited college, community college, or university. Further, I understand that official verification will be required of my attained grades and test scores. I agree that if I am selected for an award, my name, photograph, and/or essay may be used for publicity purposes with no additional compensation by the sponsors of this scholarship program. I also certify that I have read and understand the information above.

Signature

Date