

AL THOMAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2026

Scholarship Details

- A total of four \$1,000 scholarships are being offered:
 - Three scholarships are being offered to students currently enrolled in the BAC Local #1 OR/WA/ID/MT Apprenticeship Program
 - One scholarship is being offered to a high school senior entering either a college or a trade school in the Summer or Fall of 2026

The scholarships being awarded to Local #1 Apprentices will be paid out in \$500 increments, one in the current year, and one in January of the next following year if the Apprentice is still enrolled in the Apprenticeship Program. If the Apprentice is no longer enrolled in the Apprenticeship Program, the second installment of the Scholarship will not be awarded.

The Scholarship awarded to a high school senior entering a trade school or a college will be paid directly to the institution via a one-time payment of \$1,000.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Apprentices enrolled in the Local #1 OR/WA/ID/MT Apprenticeship Program.
- High school senior receiving a diploma this Spring who is a son, daughter or grandchild of an active or retired member of Local #1 OR/WA/ID/MT who is in good standing. Stepchildren are also eligible. The children or stepchildren of an active or retired member who died while they were members in good standing are also eligible.

How are the winners selected?

For Apprentice Applicants: Considerable weighting will be given for compliance with the Apprenticeship Program standards and requirements and the thoughtfulness of the requested essay.

For College and Trade School Applicants: While grades are considered, this is not an academic award. Considerable weighting will be given to the thoughtfulness of the requested essay.

For both categories of applicants, a short (300 - 500) word essay is required on how Union affiliation has positively impacted you and your family's life. The thoughtfulness of the essay will have considerable weight in the decision process. We request that the essay be legibly hand-written or typed. *We understand that not everyone has access to a printer and will not downgrade a handwritten essay.*

What is the scholarship for?

These funds can be used for the student's career enhancement, including apprenticeship program expenses. Costs that relate to developing a career are also acceptable. Examples include fees, tools, books and dues. The scholarship is generally paid directly to the institution seniors entering college or trade school, but in the case of an Apprentice, will be paid directly to the recipient.

Who selects the winners?

A three-person committee will pick the annual winners from written applications. These committee members are not employees of Local #1 or the Apprenticeship Program. Names of the applicants are removed during the review process.

Where does the scholarship money come from?

Awards are made from a fund that was previously established and collectively bargained between Local #1 and the Mason Contractors Association.

How do you apply?

Applications are available:

- On the website - www.bac1or.org,
- The Local #1 office at 12812 NE Marx Street, Portland, OR 97230, during regular business hours.
- The Trust Office can mail you an application by calling 503-254-4022 or 1-800-591-8326 and requesting that an Al Thomas Scholarship application be mailed to you.

**Applications must be received by the selection committee
no later than June 30, 2026. Winners will be announced by the end of July.**

Scholarship Application
Al Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Apprentice Scholarship Application

Please legibly complete the following:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Complete Address: _____

► *Items to be included with this application:*

1. Hand-written (legibly) short essay (300-500 words) on how Union affiliation has positively impacted you and your family's life.
2. Optional:
 - Letter of recommendation by your employer

Your signature attesting that any statements made as part of your application are true and that you are an Apprentice in good standing enrolled in the Local #1 OR/WA/ID/MT Apprenticeship Program.

Signature: _____

Phone #: _____

- All Completed applications must be received by the due date. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Mail all applications materials to:
Al Thomas Memorial Scholarship
c/o Masonry Industry Trust Administration, Inc.
9848 E Burnside Street
Portland OR 97216
- Letters will be sent to all applicants after the selection is made.

**NOTE: Applications must be received by the selection committee
no later than June 30, 2026**

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Application for High School Seniors Entering College or Trade School

Please legibly complete the following:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Complete Address: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Name of Relative affiliated with Local #1 OR/WA/ID/MT Oregon:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

► *Items to be included with this application:*

1. Letter from high school administration confirming expected diploma in 2026, or a copy of diploma if already awarded.
2. Transcript of courses completed through last December or June 2026 if available.
3. Hand-written (legibly) short essay (300-500 words) on how Union affiliation has positively impacted you and your family's life.

Your signature attesting that any statements made as part of your application are true.

Signature: _____

Phone #: _____

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