The Thirteenth Constitutional Convention of the Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO - as a memorial to our first International President and to the other deceased members of our Union - authorized the creation of the Michael J. Quill Scholarship Fund. The Fund provides each year 15 college scholarships of $1,200.00 each, annually renewable for four consecutive years. Each scholarship, therefore, is worth $4,800.00 to the successful student who completes four years of college.

The scholarship will be awarded in the summer of each year to students then seniors and attending high school or other corresponding secondary school, who are entering an accredited college in the following Fall term.

The scholarship money will be paid directly to the college that the successful applicant attends and may be used only for tuition, college fees, or room and board while attending college and pursuing an undergraduate degree.

Renewal of the scholarship for the second and succeeding years will be conditioned upon successful completion of the regular course of studies in the preceding year, as attested by the college.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must be a high school senior and either:
1. The son or daughter of a TWU member in good standing;
   OR
2. The son or daughter of a deceased member who was a TWU member in good standing when he/she died;
   OR
3. The son or daughter of a pensioner, or deceased pensioner who, when he/she retired, was a TWU member in good standing;
   OR
4. The son or daughter of a former TWU member who was forced to stop working, short of pension age, by a disabling illness or injury and who was a TWU member in good standing when forced to stop work;
   OR
5. The dependent brother or sister, under the age of twenty-one, of a TWU member in good standing. Evidence that the applicant is recognized as a dependent by Internal Revenue Service will be required by the Trustees.

APPLICATION FORM

The Trustees have prepared an Official Application form. This form must be filled out and signed by the applicant. It must also be signed by the relative, if alive, on whose membership or former membership in TWU the applicant’s eligibility depends.

The applicant must secure from the President or Secretary-Treasurer of the TWU local a certification, on the form provided by the Trustees, attesting to the good standing membership status of the relative on whose TWU membership, or former membership, the applicant’s eligibility depends.

The Official Application form must also be completed by the principal of the high school, or secondary school, attended by the applicant.

The applications, and other required information, must be filed with the Trustees not later than the specified date on the memorandum sent each year. In the unlikely event that fifteen or fewer applicants are found to be eligible in any particular year, each will be awarded a scholarship. In the more likely situation, where there are more than fifteen eligible applicants, the winners will be selected by a public drawing. Alternates will be chosen, in order at the same drawing to replace any of the first fifteen who do not attend an accredited college.

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Each winner is required to provide confirmation of school enrollment, once he/she has it. In return, a check in the sum of Twelve Hundred ($1,200.00) Dollars will then be forwarded to the College/University.

Any change of college/university, or course of studies, will require the prior approval of the Trustees.

TWU reserves the right to discontinue this scholarship program at any time. Discontinuance, however, will not affect renewals of scholarships for those who were awarded scholarships prior to the discontinuance.

In the interpretation and application of these rules and on any other issue that might arise out of the application for a scholarship, the decision of the Trustees will be final and binding.

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