



Waterloo Regional Labour Council Scholarships

2025 - 2026

The Waterloo Regional Labour Council is proud to announce its scholarship program to support post-secondary students who are actively enrolled in any year of academic study on or after September 2025.

Awards are as follows:

- UP TO **two (2) \$1000 scholarships** will be awarded to an active member **OR** the child/ward under the age of 25 as of September 1, 2025 of an active member of a local union [affiliated](#) to the Waterloo Regional Labour Council;
- **One (1) additional \$1000 scholarship** MAY be awarded to an applicant meeting the criteria above **OR** it may be awarded to an active member of a union based in Waterloo Region **OR** the child/ward under the age of 25 as of September 1, 2025 of an active member of a union based in Waterloo Region **NOT** affiliated with the Waterloo Region Labour Council.

The criteria for selection of the scholarship winners will be based on:

- A completed **application form**;
- An **original essay** (approximately 500 words), **poster** (8.5" x 11" poster of original artwork), OR **video submission** (an imaginative, clever, and original two-minute video) **in French or English** on the **topic of "how belonging to a union household has improved life"**;
- *Note: A copy of your official letter of admission and/or paid tuition receipt from your post-secondary program is required upon receipt of the award; for an apprenticeship, official documentation of your approved signed training agreement and/or the registration of your apprenticeship training is required upon receipt of the award.*

The Waterloo Regional Labour Council is committed to social justice and equity and believes strongly that post-secondary education provides important opportunities that should not be limited by tuition fees or student debt. We hope this scholarship helps make education more affordable while we fight to make access universal. We proudly encourage women, people of colour, Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, people with disabilities, and those from other equity-seeking backgrounds to apply for this scholarship.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **June 30, 2025** by email to:

aaron.stemmler@gmail.com

Subject: **WRLC 2025 Scholarship**

Recipients of the scholarships will be notified by mid-August. Any questions can be sent by email to aaron.stemmler@gmail.com.

In solidarity,

Aaron Stemmler
Young Worker, Scholarship Committee
Waterloo Regional Labour Council



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Scholarship Application Form

Part 1: The Student

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

- a) **Post-Secondary Studies** (Intended program of study for September 2025. Scholarships are pending submission and/or paid tuition receipt)

Post-Secondary Institute Name: _____

Program of Study/Apprenticeship Program: _____

Year of Study: _____

- b) **Voluntary Self-Identification Survey for Applicants from Equity-Seeking Groups** (Please check all that apply.)

I identify as ...

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit or Metis)
- ☐ 2SLGBTQIA+
- ☐ Person of Colour
- ☐ Personal with a disability
- ☐ Francophone

- c) **Mandatory Checklist for All Applications** (Please check that all of the required documents are included, and all sections are completed.)

I have enclosed the following documents:

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Essay, poster OR video submission on this year's topic
(Please include a YouTube or other Streaming Site URL here if you submit a video.)

All information on this application will be kept strictly confidential.

Part 2: Affiliated Union

- Is the applicant . . .
- ☐ An active member of a local union affiliated to the Waterloo Regional Labour Council;
 - ☐ A child/ward under the age of 25 as of September 1, 2025 of an active member of a local union affiliated to the Waterloo Regional Labour Council;
 - ☐ An active member of a local union based in Waterloo Region that is NOT affiliated to the Waterloo Regional Labour Council;
 - ☐ A child/ward under the age of 25 as of September 1, 2025 of an active member of a local union in Waterloo Region NOT affiliated to the Waterloo Regional Labour Council;

Union Name and Local No.: _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable): _____

Part 3: Declaration, Deadline, and Destination

I hereby confirm that all information submitted herewith is true and complete. I declare that my essay, poster, or video submission is my own original work and reflective of my independent thoughts. I acknowledge that the Waterloo Regional Labour Council retains the right to publish the names of winners, their photos, and submissions (wholly or in part).

Your Name: _____ Signature: _____

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FOR EMAIL SUBMISSIONS, PLEASE ENSURE YOU RECEIVE A REPLY CONFIRMATION EMAIL. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF YOUR SUBMISSION, PLEASE RESEND YOUR SUBMISSION TO
aaron.stemmler@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE THE WRLC ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST, MISSING, INCOMPLETE, OR REDIRECTED SUBMISSIONS OF APPLICATIONS, ENTRIES OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION NOT RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE. WINNING ENTRIES MAY BE DISPLAYED IN ANY MEDIUM BY THE COUNCIL WITH PERMISSION OF THE WINNING APPLICANT.

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