

The Massachusetts Coalition of Taft-Hartley Trust Funds Is Now Accepting Applications for the 2026 Scholarships



Annually, the MCTHTFs offers two scholarship opportunities.

Below find details on eligibility requirements, criteria, and other helpful information.

Please note, applicants may only apply for one of the two Coalition-sponsored scholarships.

Colleen Sullivan Memorial Nursing Vocation Scholarship

Award: \$4,000.00 (\$1,000 x 4 years)

Eligibility: The member, child, grandchild or spouse of a local union member or employees of its affiliated Taft-Hartley Trust Fund, whose local union and its affiliated Taft-Hartley Trust Funds are dues paying members of the Massachusetts Coalition of Taft-Hartley Trust Funds (MCTHTF), and who is enrolled in or accepted as an undergraduate student by an accredited nursing program is eligible to apply.

Criteria: The applicant must provide the following:

- An official copy of their current school transcript
- Completed [Application](#)
- 500-word (or more) essay on the following topic:
 - *In recent years, healthcare workers have faced unique challenges, from burnout to staffing shortages to rising patient needs. Reflect on a current issue in healthcare that matters to you and explain how collective action or worker representation can help protect the well-being of nurses and patient care.*

Lou Sarno Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$4,000.00 (\$1,000 x 4 years)

Eligibility: The member, child, grandchild or spouse of a local union member or employees of its affiliated Taft-Hartley Trust Fund, whose local union and its affiliated Taft-Hartley Trust Funds are dues paying members of the Massachusetts Coalition of Taft-Hartley Trust Funds (MCTHTF), and who is enrolled in or accepted as an undergraduate student by an accredited college or university is eligible to apply.

Criteria: The applicant must provide the following:

- An official copy of their current school transcript
- Completed [Application](#)
- 500-word (or more) essay on the following topic:
 - *Labor unions were built on the idea that people accomplish more when they stand together. Share an example of a time when collaboration or solidarity made a difference in your school, community, workplace, or personal life. How does that experience connect to the values labor unions promote today?*

Application Submission:

All applications must be received by **Friday, March 6, 2026.**

Email (Preferred method): scholarship@macoalthtf.org

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Selection of the Scholarship Recipient

The Executive Board of the MCTHTF shall designate a scholarship selection committee of three or more people to review and select the scholarship recipient. All applicants are reviewed anonymously.

The Committee will complete its review and selection on or before March 31, 2026 and will make an announcement of the selected recipient by April 1, 2026.

Scholarship Award Payment

Please be aware of the following related to the scholarship award:

- The \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to the recipient up until completion of their undergraduate degree but no more than four (4) consecutive years, and no more than \$4,000.00.
- The scholarship recipient must provide the MCTHTF with a copy of the current and next semester tuition bill and official transcript as certification of eligibility.
- To continue to be eligible for the ongoing scholarship, recipient must be a student in good academic standing and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- If it is established that this award will adversely affect the financial aid of the recipient, the Executive Board may, at its discretion, allow the scholarship proceeds to defray non-tuition, education related expenses.