

A. L. "Mike" Monroe/Ralph D. Williams, III Sports Scholarship Awards Program

At the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Convention in 1999, the A. L. "Mike" Monroe and Ralph D. Williams, III, Sports Scholarship was introduced and ratified into the Union's Constitution. This groundbreaking program was created to offer student athletes the opportunity to pursue their athletic ambitions while earning an advanced educational degree at the academic institution of their choosing.

The namesakes of this new scholarship program were both accomplished boxers as teenagers. In fact, Williams was elected into the Pennsylvania State Boxing Hall of Fame as well as being an avid football player. Yet, despite their athletic talent, neither man had the resources to attend college and instead joined the trades at a young age. This scholarship, named in their honor, will give IUPAT members' sons and daughters the chance for the education they never attained.

Scholarship applications must be submitted and received by April 2017. A four-member committee consisting of a representative from each region will review the applications. One applicant will be chosen from each region to receive the scholarship (a committee member will not vote on his/her own region).

One grant of \$5,000.00 will be awarded to each successful candidate for his/her education. Those who received the scholarship awards are not eligible to apply for additional gifts under this program.

All applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered:

- He/she must be a legal dependant of an IUPAT member in good standing. Please provide the member's Local Union Number and the last four digits of the SSN/SIN Number.
- The award is contingent upon the student enrolling in the school of their choice within one year of the award date or the award is forfeited.
- Applicants must supply an official high school transcript.
- Applicants must supply a complete history of athletic participation and special recognition in high school.
- Applicants must be registered with the NCAA Clearing House and declare the athletic program in which he/she will be participating.
- A letter of recommendation must be submitted from the coach or athletic director of the institution the applicant has been accepted and has chosen to attend.
- A complete record of additional financial aid the student is receiving must also be submitted.

"As a parent, I know how each of us wants our sons and daughters to have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. I also know it is important that students with a gift for a particular sport be recognized for their hard work. I cannot think of a better reward than an advanced education."—General President Williams.

Please submit your applications to the IUPAT-A. L. "Mike" Monroe/Ralph D. Williams, III, Sports Scholarship, 7234 Parkway Drive, Hanover, MD, 21076. Winners will be announced April 2017.

Special note: Dependents of IUPAT International Staff, General Officers, Fund Administrators and Employees, previous winners and winners of the S. Frank "Bud" Raftery Scholarship awards are not eligible to apply.