

Local 891 Scholarship Program

In 1998, IATSE Local 891 created a scholarship program to assist members and dependents in pursuing degree granting post-secondary studies. The scholarships are awarded primarily on the academic achievement, with significant consideration given to additional achievements and merits.

Scholarship FAQs

What does "academic achievement" mean?

Applicants must have minimum of a 3.0 grade point average (high school or last semester of full study). For mature students with a GPA from some time ago, subsequent achievements and life experience will be taken into account. Someone who has been out of school for at least five years is considered a mature student.

Detailed instructions for calculating the GPA are on the last page of the scholarship application.

What does "degree-granting post-secondary studies mean?"

These are programs that culminate in a bachelor's, masters or doctoral degree at any Canadian or international accredited post-secondary institution.

What is the definition of "accredited post-secondary institution"?

A public or private institution that has been given authority to grant degrees by a public or private act of the provincial/territorial legislature or through a government-mandated quality assurance mechanism.

How many scholarships are there?

Ten scholarships of \$5,000 each are awarded to students enrolled in full time studies culminating in degree which relates to film, media, theatre, or fine arts. General Fine Arts programs are interdisciplinary courses of study designed to give a student a well-rounded education in a range of the visual and performing arts.

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What does "full-time" mean?

Full-time means the student is enrolled in at least 60% of a full-time course load (or 40% for students with permanent disabilities), for a period of at least 12 consecutive weeks at a Canadian or international accredited post-secondary institution.

Are distance learning programs acceptable?

Purely online programs are not acceptable. The student must be enrolled in an on-campus program, or a hybrid program, to be eligible for a scholarship. However, during emergency situations such as COVID 19, when students were not permitted on campus, this requirement may be waived.

Who is eligible to apply?

IATSE 891 active members. In order to qualify for a scholarship for themselves, a spouse or eligible dependent, active members must be in good standing and must have worked a minimum of 30 days in the preceding three years (either on IATSE Local 891 signatory productions and /or by providing member services work for Local 891). Members who do not meet the 30-day work requirement as a result of disability, parental, political or educational leave, may appeal in writing on behalf of themselves, a spouse or eligible dependent, to execassist@iatse.com. All such appeals must be received by the scholarship deadline, and be accompanied with a completed scholarship application and official transcript.

A member's spouse. This term includes the legal spouse/partner of a member and a person who has been living with the member in a common-law relationship for at least one full year and who is publicly represented as the spouse/partner.

A child of the member and/or spouse who is: under 30 (as of December 31 in the year of application); **and** financially dependent on the member and/or spouse; **or** any child of any age who is living with the member and/or spouse and is financially dependent and incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of disability.

A dependent child or spouse of a deceased member who applies for a scholarship within 24 months or within two consecutive scholarship cycles (whichever is greater) following the death of the member.

“Child” means a person born to the member and/or spouse/partner, a stepchild, a legally adopted child, or legal ward, but not a foster child.

How do I apply?

The application form may be found [HERE](#).

When is the deadline?

The application deadline is **May 15, 2025** at 3:00 PM, after which time the Local 891 Good and Welfare Scholarship Review Panel will consider the applications and award the scholarships.

Who administers the scholarship program?

Scholarships are administered entirely by IATSE Local 891.

To ensure that adjudication is based solely on merit, applications will be kept anonymous. In a case of dispute about standing and eligibility, the IATSE 891 Good and Welfare Committee shall be the last resort and final arbiter.

Applications of equal achievement are decided based on debate and vote by the Local 891 Good and Welfare Scholarship Review Panel.

You may proceed with your application without providing proof of enrollment in the required program, but funds will only be released to you after proof of payment receipt for registration in the degree you have been accepted into and your original transcript is verified.

What else should I know before applying?

The scholarship period covers from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. If you are not able to attend school during this period, you must notify IATSE Local 891 no later than October 1, 2025. There are 3 alternates picked in each category, should a recipient be found ineligible.

Scholarship recipients are limited to receiving a maximum of two non-consecutive scholarship awards from IATSE Local 891, per lifetime.

Scholarships are a taxable benefit; only the first \$500 is exempt. In compliance with the Income Tax Act of Canada, T4A slips will be issued.

To ensure the integrity of the application process, please direct your questions only to the Executive Assistant at execassist@iatse.com