

Gavin B. Craig Scholarship Award

Gavin B. Craig was born in Glasgow, Scotland and emigrated to Canada as a young man. At the age of 20, he became a member of IATSE Local 891, and remained a member until his death on July 31, 2018. At various times during his fifty-four years of membership in Local 891, Gavin served as president of the Local, as an International Vice President, as chairperson of the Grip Department, of the Local 891 bargaining committee, and of several ad hoc committees. A sincere and tireless advocate of trade unionism, during his semi-retirement Gavin visited high schools throughout the Lower Mainland to educate students about the benefits and responsibilities of trade unionism. His contribution to Local 891 is inestimable. Always the voice of fairness, equality and common sense, Gavin was an active participant in the governance of the Local, whether or not he held elected office.

The Gavin B. Craig Scholarship Award has been established in honour of Gavin. Each year, five scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors. Each winner of a scholarship will receive a total of \$10,000 in scholarship funds, which will be paid out at \$2,500 per year over a four-year period.

Gavin B. Craig Scholarship Award FAQs

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply for a Gavin B. Craig Scholarship Award, you must:

- Be the child of a member in good standing of Local 891; foster children and grandchildren are not eligible; and
- Be a high school senior at the time of application; and
- Have applied, or be about to apply, for admission to a Canadian or international accredited college or university as a full-time student in a program which will lead to a bachelor's degree.

What if I have already started post-secondary studies or have taken time off after high school?

You are not eligible to apply if:

- You have already commenced college or university; or
- You have decided to start college or university a year or more after graduation.

However, you may be eligible to apply for a Local 891 Scholarship; the rules for that program are described elsewhere on this website.

May high school seniors apply for both a Gavin B. Craig Scholarship Award and a Local 891 Scholarship in the same year?

High school seniors may receive *either* a Gavin B. Craig Scholarship *or* a Local 891 scholarship, but not both.

However, a student who applies for, but is not awarded, a Gavin B. Craig scholarship, may apply for a Local 891 Scholarship in the same year. The deadlines for the applications are staggered, to allow time for this process.

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.

How do I apply?

The application form may be found [HERE](#). Please read the instructions at the beginning of the application form, complete it, and mail the form and the required supporting documents to the address shown on the form.

When is the deadline?

The application deadline is March 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?

The Gavin B. Craig Scholarship Awards 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 after proof of registration in the degree program into which you have been accepted is received and your original transcript is verified. Verification of continued enrollment must be submitted each year.

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. One alternate will be selected, should a recipient be found ineligible.

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; accordingly, the scholarship recipient must provide their Social Insurance Number.

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