

Gavin B. Craig Scholarship Award

Born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1943, Gavin B. Craig 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 passing 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, and as chairperson of the Grip Department. Gavin was a strong voice on the Local 891 bargaining committee, and served the local on many ad hoc committees. A sincere and tireless advocate of trade unionism, Gavin spent his semi-retirement visiting high schools throughout the Lower Mainland educating 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.

President Mitch Davies and your Executive Board are proud to announce the establishment of a new scholarship program, beginning this year, in honour of long time 891 member Gavin B Craig (pictured). As part of the program, there will be five scholarships of \$10,000 (paid out over a four-year period) awarded to children of 891 members who are high school seniors.

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;
- 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.

Courses of study leading to certificates and/or diplomas do not qualify under the Gavin B. Craig Scholarship Award.



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 [here](#).

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

No, high school seniors may apply for one or the other, but not both scholarships.

Are distance learning programs acceptable?

No. Under normal circumstances, the student must be enrolled in an on-campus 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 \[link to form\]](#). 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 June 10, 2022, 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, 2022 through August 31, 2023. If you are not able to attend school during this period, you must notify IATSE Local 891 no later than October 1, 2022. 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.

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

