

## McCusker Scholarship Application 2026

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**ALL APPLICANTS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION:**

McCusker Scholarships are awarded annually to children, grandchildren and dependants of CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 members based on academic achievement, extra curricular activities and financial need.

Access an application which you can complete online at [www.csea-ct.com](http://www.csea-ct.com), then save, and print or send as an e-mail attachment to [vlattarulo@csea760.com](mailto:vlattarulo@csea760.com). If submitting your application by e-mail, please call Valeria Lattarulo at the Union hall at (800) 894-9479, ext. 120, to confirm it was successfully received. We have had instances of applications incorrectly being caught by our spam filter.

The application period opens February 1, and the completed application along with required materials **must be received by close of business at 4:30 on the last business day of April.**

Applications can be emailed to [vlattarulo@csea760.com](mailto:vlattarulo@csea760.com).

**NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED LATE.**

Selection of the recipient(s) shall be made by an impartial organization or group of otherwise qualified judges, none of whom are members or have been members of CSEA/SEIU Local 2001.

**All decisions of awards made by the judges are final.** In addition to the completed application, scholarships are awarded on basis of:

- Scholastic ability as determined by scholarship record and/or competitive examinations (essay question);
- Financial need; and
- Social involvement.

Applicants wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their applications or results of judging may contact Valeria Lattarulo at 860-951-6614 ext. 120 or [vlattarulo@csea760.com](mailto:vlattarulo@csea760.com). Only recipients will receive notification by mail within two weeks of the judging.

All applicants should note that the McCusker Scholarship has become very competitive. Even students who have a stellar background may not be selected due to the large number of superb applications received each year.

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## **DIRECTIONS and REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Children, grandchildren and dependants of members shall be eligible for scholarships provided, however, the member must have been a member in good standing prior to the selection process. Employees of CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 for a period of not less than five years, and who continue to be employed by the Union at the time of the selection, shall be considered to be members in good standing and their children shall be eligible, but shall not receive special preference.
2. Applicant must be a high school senior or a high school graduate.
3. An applicant may only win twice. Do not apply if you are already a 2-time winner.
4. The application and all accompanying documents must be received at the CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Hall by close of business at 4:30 on the last business day of April. **All materials submitted to CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 are property of CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 and will not be returned to applicants.**
5. Applications will not be considered without **official transcripts** and college acceptance letter, if applicable. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that all required materials are received according to the stated deadlines. Failure to fulfill all stated submittal and eligibility requirements will result in automatic rejection of the application.

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_Member's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Council \_\_\_\_\_

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 attachment to: [vlattarulo@csea760.com](mailto:vlattarulo@csea760.com)



CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
**BERNARD H. McCUSKER MEMORIAL  
 SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AT AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL ON A FULL-TIME BASIS.**

**DIRECTIONS and REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The applicant must be a child, grandchild or dependant of a CSEA, SEIU LOCAL 2001 member in good standing.
2. Applicant must be a high school senior or a high school graduate.
3. An applicant may only win twice. Do not apply if you are already a 2-time winner.
4. The completed application and required materials below **must be received at the CSEA Office by close of business at 4:30 on the last business day of April**. No applications or supporting material will be accepted after that date or time.
  - a. **Official transcript(s) of his/her current school records, transcripts must be sealed and signed, or emailed directly from high school or university (No copies will be accepted);**
  - b. College acceptance letter if he/she is entering the first year of post-secondary education.

**Mail above to:**

McCusker Scholarship Fund  
 c/o Connecticut State Employees Association  
 760 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
 Attn: Valeria Lattarulo

5. **Applications will not be processed without official transcripts and college acceptance letter, if applicable.**

By my signature on a printed copy of this application or by my typed name on this application submitted electronically, I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing statements are correct. I understand that any intentional misrepresentation may result in revocation of my scholarship and/or an action at law for return of any monies previously paid.

Student's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

Date

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  - *By your signature on this document you abide by the decisions of the judges and accept judging scores. All scoring will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone.*
    - *Only successful recipients will be notified.*

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Your name in full (*please print or type*) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Member's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBER INFORMATION

CSEA Member:  Parent/Guardian  Grandparent

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and number of chapter member belongs to: \_\_\_\_\_  In Good Standing  
for at least 6 months

## SELF-SUPPORTING APPLICANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

*If you are self-supporting and not claimed as a dependant on any person's Federal income tax return, complete Section A.*

### Section A:

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Where Employed \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN FINANCIAL INFORMATION

*If you are not self-supporting, complete Section B.*

### Section B:

Primary Parent's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Where Employed \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Where Employed \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If only one of the above parents is legally responsible for all college expenses, please identify which one: \_\_\_\_\_

If a step-parent is legally responsible for the applicant, please indicate the annual income of the step-parent: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section C:**

***The following financial information must be completed.***

Total Family Gross Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Total family gross income includes financial disclosures such as: child support, alimony and pensions.)

Value of Real Estate and other Real Property Owned \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Value of Income-Producing Properties, Trust Funds, Annuities, Dividends etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Current Value (approximate) of Negotiable Securities, Savings Bonds, Mutual Funds, Bank Accounts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List below all family dependants (in or out of applicant's household):

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Household</u>
_____	_____	_____	In <input type="checkbox"/> Out <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	In <input type="checkbox"/> Out <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	In <input type="checkbox"/> Out <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	In <input type="checkbox"/> Out <input type="checkbox"/>

List all family dependants who are now attending college or private schools in or out of applicants household.

Indicate which are receiving financial aid and annual amount. (List college or private school.)

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>College or Private School</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Annual Aid Amount</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Section D:**

***The following information must be completed by the applicant.***

What employment have you had?

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Type of Job</u>	<u>Amount Earned</u>
From _____ To _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
From _____ To _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
From _____ To _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
From _____ To _____	_____	_____	\$ _____

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Have you applied for financial aid, (scholarship/grant aid) toward post-secondary education? If so, from whom, when and the amount?

Have you received financial aid, (scholarship/grant aid) toward post-secondary education? If so, from whom, when and the amount?

Do you expect to earn money while at school? \_\_\_\_\_ How? \_\_\_\_\_

Expected amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Have you earned any money towards your educational expenses for next year? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, state ways of earning and the amounts: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you expect to work this summer? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how much do you expect to save? \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please give an estimate of the cost of your next year of education:

Tuition \$\_\_\_\_\_ Room and Board \$\_\_\_\_\_ Book Expenses \$\_\_\_\_\_

Personal Expenses \$\_\_\_\_\_ Travel Expenses \$\_\_\_\_\_ Fees \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of University, College or School you attend or plan to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

What year will you be entering? (e.g. *Freshman, Senior, Graduate*) \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your field of study? (Major) \_\_\_\_\_

(Minor) \_\_\_\_\_

List all high schools and post-secondary schools you have attended:

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Location (City and State)</u>	<u>Years Attended</u>	<u>Graduated</u>
_____	_____	_____ to _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____ to _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____ to _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____ to _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1. If you have not attended school in the past year, what have you done since graduation?

2. List extra-curricular activities in or out of school. Include offices held, participation in athletics, clubs and organizations, awards won, etc. Indicate approximate dates.

3. List and describe any volunteer/community service work in which you have participated, either on an individual basis or as a member of a service organization. Estimate the amount of time involved in this activity. When and how long (provide approximate dates).

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#### **Section E: Essay Question**

People who earn money driving a car for Lyft, delivering food for DoorDash, or for other so-called “gig economy” companies like Uber, Instacart, or Taskrabbit are not considered employees of those companies, but rather they are classified as independent contractors. This means they do not have the legal right to form a union. Is that fair to the workers involved? Should the law be changed to allow gig economy workers to unionize? Or, is that an acceptable trade-off for this type of work?

(Please answer in 200 words or less. Use second sheet if necessary.)

#### **Material Checklist**

- Official Transcript*
- Acceptance Letter (if applicable)*
- Signed Complete Application*

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