



Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU)
Buffalo Chapter
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2020

The coalition of Black Trade Unionists consists of members from seventy-seven international and national unions with forty-two chapters across the country. The basic objectives of CBTU are reflected in its activities and projects:

- Improve economic development and employment opportunities for black workers.
- Work within the framework of the trade union movement to provide a voice and vehicle for greater black and minority participation.
- Increase union involvement in voter registration, voter education and voter turnout projects.
- Organize unorganized workers.
- Actively support civil rights and civic groups working to improve living and working conditions in the black community.
- Increase effective political alliances between labor, churches and the general community.

CBTU has a long and rich history of investing in and empowering our youth to seek further education and the local CBTU Buffalo Chapter awards \$500 scholarships to deserving students in our community.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Current high school senior or college student**
 - **Minimum 2.5 GPA**
- **Must be enrolled/attending a 2 or 4-year college or university**
 - **Erie and Niagara County residents**

Please complete all sections of the application; a checklist is listed on the last page to ensure all sections are complete.

Student Information:

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Permanent Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Birth Date _____

Email Address _____

Current School _____ Graduation Date _____

Major _____ Grade Point Average _____

Please write a one page personal statement that includes: paid work experience, internship experience, special honors, awards, extra-curricular activities, community activities, religious and faith based activities.

High school students: Which college or university do you plan on attending? _____
(If selected, you will need to provide a letter of enrollement prior to receiving award check.)

Please check the ONE scholarship you are applying for:

- High School Senior Scholarship
- Undergraduate Scholarship
- CBTU Legacy Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a family member of a current dues paying member of the CBTU Buffalo Chapter.

How did you hear about the scholarship?

A CBTU Member (Please list name) _____

Guidance counselor/scholarship bulletin board _____

Facebook/Internet _____

Other _____

References: Two letters of reference from individuals who have knowledge of either your academic, extra-curricular activities, or community service **must accompany this application**. List names of references below. If you are applying for the CBTU Legacy Scholarship, you must have a current dues paying member of CBTU write a letter of recommendation no longer than one page explaining why you deserve the CBTU Legacy Scholarship.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____

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In 500 words or less, please write an essay on: “How does having a Union impact safety in the workplace and why is that important during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

An **official transcript** must also be submitted for the application to be considered. Please contact your high school Guidance Counselor to complete this process.

All documents must be **postmarked** by **Monday June 29, 2020**. Applications received after this date will not be eligible for consideration.

Please note: Any application lacking any of the required items cannot be considered.

Application Checklist:

You may use the following checklist to ensure the application process is complete. All documents must arrive in the same package for the submission to be considered complete. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

- I have enclosed my application
- I have enclosed my personal statement
- I have enclosed two letters of recommendations
- I have enclosed my CBTU reference letter (CBTU legacy scholarship only)
- I have enclosed my high school transcript (for high school students only)
- I have enclosed a copy of my college acceptance letter (for high school students only)
- I have attached my college transcripts (for college only)
- I have attached my essay
- If selected, I understand I will need to provide proof of enrollment prior to receiving my award check.

I understand upon completing this application, my personal statement and quotes can be used in future CBTU publications for the purpose of displaying youth involvement in the labor movement and encouraging other students to apply for the CBTU Buffalo Chapter Scholarship.

**Mail completed application to:
CBTU Scholarship
PO Box 707
Buffalo, NY 14215**

For questions, please contact Deb Mueller at 716-691-6555 or Deb.Mueller@cseainc.org