



Local Union No. 565

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December 1, 2025

SMART Local 565
Scholarship Awards
Spring 2026

Dear Member or Member's Dependent:

SMART Local 565 is proud to help provide the opportunity for some of our Brother's and Sister's children to further their education. We welcome your application and wish you the very best in all your endeavors.

Scholarship Awards:

- There are four (4) scholarships available this year:
 - 1) The President's Scholarship valued at \$1500
 - 2) The Scott Gast Scholarship valued at \$1100
 - 3) The Paul Lund Scholarship valued at \$1100
 - 4) The Paul Baker Scholarship valued at \$1000
- The scholarships will be awarded in the spring of 2026 and the award presented upon verification of registration as a full-time student. Full-time students must carry a minimum of twelve (12) credits.
- The four winning applicant essays may be printed in the newsletter, *The Local Voice* and/or the SMART Local 565 website found at smartlocal565.org

Eligible Applicants:

- Must be attending or planning to attend a two-year technical college or a four-year college or university.
- Must be a dependent of a member in good standing of SMART Local 565.
- Must be a high school senior graduating in the spring of 2026 or currently enrolled in a two-year technical college or a four-year college or university.

Application Procedure:

The following documents need to be included in order to qualify:

1. **Three (3) new letters of recommendation from 2025 or 2026** from such persons as former teachers, high school counselors, professors, ministers, or other persons who know of your achievements and personal character. The letters of recommendation cannot be the same as previous years Local 565 scholarship submittals.
2. **Completed Application Form for the current year only.** Previous year's applications will not be accepted because due dates and information can change from year to year.
3. **Transcript** (or copy of transcript) of all high school or college (whichever is applicable) courses and class ranking.

The applications and related documents should be emailed to the Office Manager Sarah at: admin@smartlocal565.org or mailed to the address below by **Monday February 9, 2026:**

SMART Local 565
1602 S. Park St. Room 105
Madison, WI 53715

Selection process:

- Applicants will be judged on the basis of all information received. No one will be judged more important than another.
- All applicants selected as finalists may be subject to a personal interview with a representative of the Scholarship Selection Committee.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee will select the scholarship recipient. The Executive Board of the Local determines the total number of scholarships awarded.
- The Selection Committee may at their discretion award no scholarships if they determine all applicants to be wanting.
- The Local may cancel the program at its discretion.
- All decisions are final.

If you have any questions, please call the Union office at 608-257-5757 or you can email admin@smartlocal565.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jesse Buell

Jesse Buell
Business Manager &
Financial Secretary/Treasurer

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