

UPPO Scholarship program

THE PROGRAM

Unclaimed Property Professionals Organization (UPPO) has established a scholarship program to assist UPPO members and members' children who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs. Renewable scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the UPPO Scholarship Program must be -

 Dependent* children, age 25 and under, of full-time employees of Unclaimed Property Professional Organization members who have been named by the member organization as an authorized representative.

*Dependent children are defined as biological children, stepchildren or legally adopted children living in the employee's household or primarily supported by the employee.

OR

- Regular full-time employees of Unclaimed Property Professional Organization members who have been designated by the member organization as authorized representatives and not eligible for tuition reimbursement by the member organization.
- High school seniors or graduates or be current postsecondary undergraduates or graduate students.
- Plan to enroll in full-time** post high school studies including undergraduate or graduate study at an accredited twoyear or four-year college, university, vocational-technical school or graduate school for the entire upcoming academic year.

**Employees of Unclaimed Property Professional Organization members may be enrolled part-time (minimum 6 credits).

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$1,000 award. Up to two (2) awards will be granted each year. The award may be renewed for up to three additional years, for a maximum total scholarship award not to exceed \$4,000, on the basis of satisfactory academic performance and continuation of the program by UPPO. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

Awards are for undergraduate and graduate study.

All awards paid in U.S. Dollars.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **December 15.** Grade reports are not acceptable. Transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Financial need is not considered.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of UPPO play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in February. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship America processes UPPO scholarship payments on behalf of Unclaimed Property Professionals Organization. Payment is made in one installment on August 1.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to Unclaimed Property Professionals Organization. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship America of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

The reporting of your scholarship award for income tax reporting purposes is the recipients' responsibility. Please consult a tax advisor to inform you of your reporting obligations.

REVISIONS

Unclaimed Property Professionals Organization reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

UPPO Scholarship Program

Scholarship America One Scholarship Way Saint Peter, MN 56082

Telephone: (507) 931-1682