



International Union of Operating Engineers Local 955 N. B. Coutts Scholarship Fund Student Scholarship Application Form

N.B. Coutts Scholarship Award

Who is N.B. Coutts?

Budd Coutts was nine years old when he operated a bulldozer on a highway job in Peace River country in Northern Alberta. Of course, his father was the superintendent on that job and Budd admits that maybe you could not call it "operating," but, well, he handled the machine. "In fact," Budd says, my father once let me operate a bulldozer and I drove it into a swamp!" for many years, Budd's father was a construction worker and supervisor in the Peace River country.

Later, the family moved to Edmonton, when his father went to work for a contractor in a town near that city. Between the ages of fourteen and sixteen, Budd worked for his father during summer vacations. He left school when he was sixteen years old and hired out to operate equipment for various municipalities and small contractors.

Later, he went to work for a firm called New West Construction and took one of their machines into the Northern part of British Columbia. Before he left, his father told him that, if he got the chance, he should join Local 115 of the International Union of Operating Engineers. "No matter what the circumstances," the elder Coutts said, "you should join the union."

Budd joined the union twice. When an "organizer" showed up on the job, Budd and several other operators turned over to him their \$65.00 initiation fees. The organizer told them that their membership cards would be mailed to them. Three months later, when the membership card still had not arrived, Budd went to the union office in Dawson Creek and asked why he had not received his card. The business agent said that he had never heard of Budd or any of the operators who had signed up with him; he and his cosigners had been the victims of a fraud. The legitimate union representative accepted an additional \$65.00 and Budd Coutts became a member of the Operating Engineers. He continued to operate equipment until he became a business agent and later business manager of Local 955 and later served the Union as the general secretary-treasurer of the IUOE.

Today, OE Local 955 extends a student scholarship award in honour of Budd Coutts commitment to work, fellow operators and the Union.

Excerpt from the book; Union Resilience in Troubled Times: The Story of the Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO 1960-1993 by Garth L. Mangum and John Walsh 1994

Scholarships may be awarded to students, who are members or dependents of a member in good standing with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 955.

Eligibility Requirements

- The **total** amount of each awarded Scholarship will be \$5,000.00 to be paid over 2 consecutive years of academic study, in increments of \$2500.00 per year
- Recipients will receive \$2,500.00 in the **first year** and \$2,500.00 in the **second consecutive year** while attending (Year 1 and 2, Year 2 and 3, Year 3 and 4 etc.) a full-time program at an accredited post-secondary institution
- The minimum course load must be 80% of a "full course" load as defined by the institution
- To be eligible for the scholarship payout, IUOE Local 955 must be provided with ****official transcripts** of the most recent year of study including proof of satisfactory academic standing – GPA Score and confirmation of enrollment in a subsequent year of studies
- Scholarships will be awarded to the applicants with the highest academic standing
- Should there be a tie for a Scholarship spot, the Committee will look at the applicant's entire academic school record
- **High School Applicants:**
 - Core Subjects are English, Math, Social Studies and 1 Science
 - If applicants do not present a Science or Math, one of either a Fine Arts or Second Language subject may be substituted
 - To receive the second payout, the applicant will need to submit the confirmation of enrollment transcript **ONLY**, not the application form

Application Deadline – August 16th, 2019

Applications must be received by the Trustees **no later than August 16th, 2019** and must be supported by ****official transcripts**, and evidence of enrollment for the upcoming academic year. Proof of enrollment or attendance will be required before payment is awarded.

PLEASE NOTE: Acceptance letters and statements of accounts ARE NOT proof of enrollment. NO faxed copies are considered original or official documents. Any missing documentation or any portion of the application that is not complete will **NOT** be considered. **Results will be communicated to applicants by the end of September 2019.**

Applicants who have previously received a scholarship award from Local Union No. 955 are NOT eligible.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Check One: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.

Check One: Male Female

Surname: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

Permanent Address: _____
City Prov. Postal Code

Mailing Address (if different): _____
City Prov. Postal Code

Telephone: _____ Applicant Contact #: _____

Email of Applicant: _____

Check one: Canadian Citizen: Yes No Permanent Resident: Yes No Landed Immigrant: Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ S.I.N. # _____
(For Tax Purposes)

Marital Status: _____ High School Attended: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Post-Secondary Education Details

Name of University, College, or Institute Enrolled in: _____

Address: _____
Street / Box No.: City Prov. Postal Code

Program Enrolled In: _____

Degree, Certificate or Diploma Being Pursued (trade programs are not eligible for these scholarships): _____

Local 955 Member Information

Member's name: _____ Applicant's relationship to Member: _____

Member Registration No: (Located on membership card): _____

*****REMINDER: OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT AND PROOF OF ENROLLMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION. ****

Original documentation: Must be received prior to disbursement of funds.

Official Transcripts: obtained from <https://education.alberta.ca/students/transcripts.aspx>

Confirmation of Enrollment: issued by the Office of the Registrar or equivalent at the post-secondary institution. PLEASE NOTE: Faxed copies, statements of account and acceptance letters are not official documents.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct.

All Personal information is being collected under the authority of Section (c) of Alberta's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for authorized purposes including admission and registration, scholarship and awards.

X
Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

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Good Standing: Yes No OFFICIAL Transcript: Yes No GPA: _____ ORIGINAL Enrollment Verification: Yes No

Accepted: _____ Rejected: _____ Independent reviewer Initials: _____

Month: _____ Day: _____ 20_____ Authorized By: _____