

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

THE RORY BROYLES ATDA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF ATDA MEMBERS AND RETIREES

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **MAY 30, 2026** - AWARD DATE: **JULY 1, 2026**

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print clearly)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

FULL NAME OF ATDA MEMBER PARENT, GRANDPARENT, OR GUARDIAN: _____

By June 2026, I will have completed:

- High School
- 1st year college
- 2nd year college
- 3rd year college
- 4th year college

In the fall of 2026, I will attend:

- Community or Junior College
- College or University
- Trade or Technical School

School attending or applied to: _____

Intended Major: _____

Eligibility

- Children or Grandchildren of ATDA members and retired members.
 - Good standing ATDA membership of Parent, Grandparent, or legal guardian.
 - Attending, accepted by, or applied for acceptance into an accredited college, university, community college, technical or trade school at time of award.
 - Awards to be used for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Applications and all supporting documents must be received by May 30, 2026. **MAIL EARLY!!!**
- NON-ELIGIBILITY:** Children or Grandchildren of promoted, managers, or those in Official positions are NOT eligible for an ATDA Scholarship.

Award Criteria

The top twelve applicants will be awarded by the Scholarship Committee based upon criteria determined by the Joint Board.

Application Instructions

1. Please type or print clearly.
2. All requirements must be met, and all information completed for the application to be considered.
3. Enclose a copy of your academic transcript, reflecting your last completed semester or quarter. It **MUST** include your name, school name, and applicable dates on the transcript. SAT and ACT scores are encouraged but not required.
4. Attach an essay of at least 500 words on the topic: ***What value do unions provide to their members and what value do members provide to their unions?*** Use personalized examples or those of your ATDA family member. Additionally, describe your career goals, aspirations, and social awareness. Applications without essays will not be considered. Do not send essays separately.
5. Review and complete the scholarship application checklist and certification.
6. You must mail or email the application to the address listed at the end of this packet.
7. Retain a copy of the completed application and all supporting documents for your files. It is strongly recommended that you contact the National Office at (216) 251-7984 Ext. 1006 to verify receipt of your application.

Estimated Financial Need

List the total anticipated amount you will need for the year. Include the cost of tuition and expenses such as books, transportation, and housing. \$ _____

Employment / Awards / Activities

Please provide information on any employment you have held. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Please provide information on any special honors or awards you have received.

Please provide information on extracurricular or outside activities (clubs, sports, or volunteer work) in which you have participated.

Essay

Attach an essay of at least 500 words, on the topic “***What value do unions provide to their members and what value do members provide to their unions?***” Please use personalized examples or those of your ATDA family member. Additionally, describe your career goals, aspirations, and social awareness. **Important notes:** Applications submitted without essays will not be considered. The use of generative Artificial Intelligence in writing essays is prohibited, and ATDA reserves the right to use AI detection software in the evaluation and award process.



ATDA Membership Verification Form

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____ (please type or print clearly)

I, _____ (please print name of union member), verify that I am a member or retired member in good standing of the ATDA, and that I am the Parent, Grandparent, or legal guardian of the above-named applicant.

Railroad where employed or retired from: _____

Office working in or worked in if retired: _____

Signature of Union Member or Retired ATDA Member: _____

APPLICATIONS WITHOUT THIS COMPLETED FORM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED



Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that all the information I have included in and with my application is true. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be required to submit further proof of my union membership or my relationship to a union member and of my acceptance to or enrollment in an accredited college, community college, university, or recognized trade school. Further, I understand that official verification will be required of my attained grades and test scores. I agree that if I am selected for an award, my name, photograph, and/or essay may be used for publicity purposes with no additional compensation by the sponsors of this scholarship program. I also certify that I have read and understand the information above.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Checklist

- Complete all sections of this application.
- Copy of most recent completed school grade transcript in accordance with instruction #3 on page 2 of this application. (SAT or ACT scores are optional)
- Essay: The essay must be sent with the application in order to be considered.
- Membership verification form must be sent with the application in order to be considered.
- Review and sign your application.
- Retain a copy of the completed application and all supporting documents for your records.

MAIL TO:

ATDA SCHOLARSHIP FUND
c/o Secretary-Treasurer
4239 West 150th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44135

OR EMAIL TO:

ATDA.SCHOLARSHIP.2026@ATDA.ORG

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 30, 2026