



General Presidents' Maintenance Committee for Canada
LEADERS IN UNIONIZED MAINTENANCE



By e-mail
September 10, 2012

To: Members of the General Presidents' Maintenance Committee and the National Maintenance Council for Canada.

Re: Robert J. Watson National Bursary Program:

Dear Member:

We are pleased to announce the commencement of this year's Robert J. Watson National Bursary Program for the maintenance industry. Such a program provides opportunities for children of union members who live in areas where maintenance agreements are in place to receive \$500.00 awards to assist with expensive post secondary education costs. The total amount to be distributed in 2012 is \$44,000.00. The 2012 breakdown by area is as follows:

Newfoundland and Labrador \$4,000 – 8 bursaries
Nova Scotia, Mainland and Cape Breton \$5,500 – 11 bursaries
New Brunswick \$7,000 – 14 bursaries
Ontario – Sarnia, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Toronto \$5,500 – 11 bursaries
Manitoba \$1,500 – 3 bursaries
Saskatchewan \$5,000 – 10 bursaries
Alberta \$14,000 – 28 bursaries
British Columbia \$1,500 – 3 bursaries

Application forms are being mailed to local union business managers for distribution to the membership in the areas as noted above at this time. Applications with appropriate supporting documentation must be received in our office by November 16, 2012. It is intended to award the bursaries through a lottery system and the draw will be held no later than December 7, 2012, with the winning recipients being mailed their award in early December.

Last year in 2011, 233 people submitted applications for the 88 available bursaries. We again look forward to a good response this year. Assistance for education is scarce and it is hoped that eligible members and their children will take advantage of this opportunity. Thank you for your support of this program. Local union business managers should be encouraged to distribute the application forms to their members.

Yours truly,

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