

THE JAMES BUCHANAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND INC.

November 1, 2020

Dear Chicago Pipefitters, Local 597 Member:

The James Buchanan Scholarship Fund Inc. was established in 2016 and offers scholarships to outstanding students of the Local 597 family. This Fund benefits children of Local 597 members with aid for furthering their education. The scholarships have been awarded in August 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The Fund will award Five - \$5,000 scholarships for the 2021/2022 academic year.

The application form includes detailed instructions on everything a student needs to do in order to apply. Applicants may be required to supply certification of guardianship and/or financial dependence upon the Local 597 member. The Local 597 member must be in good standing. Further information regarding eligibility is provided on the Application Form. Applicants are also required to submit a personal statement (500 words or less) on a topic listed on the application form.

In determining who receives a scholarship, the most important considerations are the applicant's academic and personal accomplishments, as well as the applicant's community involvement. Financial need may also be considered, especially in situations where a "tie breaker" is required in the application process. Previous winners are not eligible.

Applicants will be judged by an impartial selection committee. The information PRIMARILY considered by the selection committee includes educational achievement (particularly grade point average), class ranking, ACT and/or SAT scores; HOWEVER, the committee will also consider the following information: prospective colleges or universities, employment, sports and extra-curricular activities, community and volunteer work, awards received, and the personal statement, among other factors. We look forward to awarding our scholarships to our deserving students of Local 597 members.

MAKE SURE TO FULLY COMPLETE THE APPLICATION, AS INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!

To electronically download an application, please go to www.johnsonkrol.com.

Best Regards,

The James Buchanan Scholarship Fund, Inc.

JAMES BUCHANAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND INC. APPLICATION

The James Buchanan Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships to eligible children of members of the Pipe Fitters' Association Local Union 597. The Fund will solicit applications from students enrolled in an Accredited post-secondary college or university and high school students who are applying for admittance to post-secondary college/university.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read all instructions and follow all directions completely. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*
2. Applications must be typed or printed clearly and must be completed by the applicant.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted. *At least one (1) of these letters must be from a teacher or a person in a position to evaluate your academic performance and ability.
4. A sealed official transcript of your most recent high school or college grades must be submitted. *Unofficial grade transcripts (including self-generated computer grade printouts or class schedules) will not be accepted as a substitute for the official grade transcript from the registrar's office of the educational institution.
5. If you will be a high school graduate in the Spring of 2021, include a letter of acceptance from the college or university you plan to attend in the Fall of 2021.
6. Attach a personal statement of no more than 500 words on one of the topics provided on page 6 of the application.
7. Retain a copy of the completed application for your records.
8. Mail your completed application with all enclosures to the following address **by June 15, 2021*** (postmarked by this date, with proper postage payment):

**James Buchanan Scholarship Fund, Inc.
311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1050
Chicago, IL 60606**

***PLEASE NOTE:** *Applications will not be disqualified as "incomplete" solely due to items #3 and #4 above being sent separate from the application, provided items #3 and #4 are received within a reasonable time of the June 15, 2021 deadline.*

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmarked by June 15, 2021

Please print or type. Information must be filled out by the applicant. See pages 1 and 2 for instructions, eligibility requirements, award criteria, and other information. Please read all instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration for a scholarship.

Personal Information:

Name:		Phone:	
Address:		Email:	
City:		Date of Birth:	
State:			
Zip:			

Other Scholarships Awarded: List below any other scholarships you will be awarded for the **2021-2022** school year:

- _____ Amount: \$ _____
- _____ Amount: \$ _____

Financial Aid: List below any financial aid you will be awarded for the **2021-2022** school year:

- _____ Amount: \$ _____
- _____ Amount: \$ _____

Grand Total dollar Amount of Scholarship & Financial Aid awarded for **2021-2022** school year: \$ _____
(Total)

Educational Background – High School and/or College:

Name of School	Location (City/State)	Attendance Dates (Years)	Major (If Applicable)	GPA Unweighted (4.0 Scale)	Class Rank/Class Size

Please provide either SAT and/or ACT Scores(s):

General SAT Scores: EBRW (Evidence Base, Reading/Writing Total): _____ Math: _____

COMPOSITE SCORE: _____ Date Taken: _____

**The following charts are to help understand the percentile ranking of your SAT score:*

**Source: College Board 2019*

SAT Percentile Charts by Section:

Section Score Range	SAT EBRW Percentiles	SAT Math Percentiles
780-800	99+	98 to 99+
760-780	99 to 99+	97 to 98
740-760	98 to 99	95 to 97
720-740	96 to 98	94 to 95
700-720	94 to 96	92 to 94
680-700	91 to 94	89 to 92
660-680	88 to 91	86 to 89
640-660	83 to 88	83 to 86
620-640	78 to 83	79 to 83
600-620	73 to 78	75 to 79
580-600	66 to 73	64 to 69
560-580	60 to 66	64 to 69
540-560	53 to 60	57 to 64
520-540	46 to 53	49 to 57
500-520	39 to 46	41 to 49
480-500	32 to 39	35 to 41
460-480	26 to 32	29 to 35
440-460	20 to 26	23 to 29
420-440	14 to 20	18 to 23
400-420	10 to 14	13 to 18
380-400	6 to 10	9 to 13
360-380	3 to 6	6 to 9
340-360	2 to 3	3 to 6
320-340	1 to 2	2 to 3
300-320	1-to 1	1 to 2
280-300	1-	1-to 1
260-280	1-	1-
240-260	1-	1-
220-240	1-	1-
200-220	1-	1-

SAT Composite Score Chart:

SAT Composite Score Range	Percentile Rank
1550-1600	99+
1500-1550	98 to 99+
1450-1500	96 to 98
1400-1450	94 to 96
1350-1400	91 to 94
1300-1350	86 to 91
1250-1300	81 to 86
1200-1250	74 to 81
1150-1200	67 to 74
1100-1150	58 to 67
1050-1100	49 to 58
1000-1050	40 to 49
950-1000	31 to 40
900-950	23 to 31
850-900	16 to 23
800-850	10 to 16
750-800	5 to 10
650-750	2 to 5
600-650	1 to 2
550-600	1-to 1
500-550	1-
450-500	1-
400-450	1-

ACT: Composite Score: _____ **Date Taken:** _____

The highest score on the ACT is 36. The 2020 average ACT score was 21.

By June 2021, I will have completed:

- High School
- 1st year of college
- 2nd year of college
- 3rd year of college

List the colleges and/or universities to which you have applied; check box if you have been accepted to that school (include copy of acceptance letter with the application materials). If already attending college, please skip to the next question.

- _____
- _____
- _____

School you have chosen to attend (or currently attend): _____

Anticipated college graduation date: _____

Letters of Reference

Please enclose two recommendation letters. At least one of these letters must be from a teacher/professor that you have had or another individual who is in a position to evaluate your academic performance and ability.

Life Experience

Please provide information pertaining to any of your work/internship experience, sports, extra-curricular activities, volunteer or community service involvement, awards and/or special talents, skills, and hobbies. Attach additional pages if needed.

Employment (Include hrs./wk.)	Sports/Extra Curricular Activities (Include hrs./wk.)	Volunteer/Community Service (Include hrs./wk.)	Awards, Talents & Hobbies

Future Goals

Please provide a brief statement about your educational/professional goals:

Personal Statement

Please attach a personal statement of 500 words or less on one of the following topics of your choice.

- a. *What challenges has the labor movement and/or Local 597 helped you and your family overcome, and how?*
- b. *How do you envision your family's connection with the labor movement and/or Local 597 benefitting your future?*
- c. *How do the health and pension benefits negotiated by unions and/or Local 597 help the U.S. economy?*

Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances

If appropriate, please provide a statement regarding any personal challenges or special circumstances regarding your financial need in meeting college expenses:

Local 597 Affiliation

What parent or legal guardian is a member of the Pipe Fitters' Association Local Union 597?

Name: _____ Parent or Guardian to applicant (circle one)

UA Card Number: _____ Member Since: _____

Certification

I the undersigned, certify that all of the information I have included in and with my application is true and correct. I understand that my application will not be considered if I have not provided all requested information and enclosures (including sealed letters of recommendation and sealed transcript). I also understand that I may be required to submit proof of my relationship to a Local 597 member and of my acceptance to or enrollment in an accredited college, community college, or university. Further, I understand that if I am selected for an award, official verification may 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. Finally, I certify that I have read and understand the information above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. You must be a child of a Local Union 597 member who is in good standing with the Union and be dependent upon that Union member's financial support and maintenance.
2. You must plan to pursue or be pursuing post-high school education at an institution of higher education.
3. You must have been accepted for admission or be enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university at the time of the award.
4. You must not be a child of a past or present Local 597 officer or business agent or a child of anyone who is a Selection Committee Member.
5. You must be a full time student and awards must be used for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. Applications must be **postmarked by June 15, 2021**. Please be sure to include proper postage.

AWARD CRITERIA

Awards will be based on academic achievement and potential, personal achievement, and community involvement. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Applications will be judged by an independent and impartial Selection Committee, comprised of distinguished members of the community. Financial need may also be considered in making awards. The Selection Committee shall have the discretion to request information concerning the financial circumstances of applicants and to use this information in the award of Scholarships.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in August 2021. All applicants will be notified by mail of the final results.

CHECKLIST – Must be completed for application to be considered:

- √ Did you review the eligibility criteria?
- √ Did you fill out all fields completely? If a field does not apply to you, mark "N/A".
- √ Did you enclose two letters of recommendation?
- √ Did you enclose your personal statement?
- √ Did you enclose a sealed official transcript of your most recent grades?
- √ Did you include proper postage?