International Union of Painters & Allied Trades

# S. FRANK "BUD" RAFTERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

*IUPAT Member 1935–1986 | General President March 1965–June 1984*

At the 25th General Convention held in Washington, D.C., in August 1984, to honor his service to the International Union all his adult life, and his accomplishments and progressive thinking, a resolution was passed creating the S. Frank "Bud" Raftery Scholarship Fund.

At the 27th General Convention held in Washington, D.C., in August 1994, General President A. L. "Mike" Monroe and the General Executive Board, who believe strongly in the principles for which the Scholarship Fund was created, and the need to continue and enhance this Convention theme of Organizing, Education and Training designed to bring all of our members and their families into the strategic planning and operation of our International Union through educational programs, passed a resolution to increase the S. Frank "Bud" Raftery Scholarship Fund to $20,000, allowing for (10) scholarships of $2,000.00 annually.

This fine program is available to sons, daughters, or legally adopted dependents of IUPAT members in good standing to apply for scholarships.

All applicants must submit an essay, not less than 1,000 or more than 2,000 words on an essay topic selected by IUPAT Scholarship Committee.

**The selected 2026 topic is as follows:**

## Effect of Immigration Enforcement on Collective Bargaining

**In 2025, several high-profile ICE worksite raids occurred in facilities where workers were actively negotiating new union contracts. Discuss how the threat of immigration enforcement can be used intentionally as a tool to undermine the collective bargaining process. In your essay, describe how these actions can destabilize union solidarity and what protections labor organizations could advocate for to ensure worker's immigration status is not weaponized during contract disputes.**

**THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT UPON THE STUDENT ATTENDING A CERTIFIED COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, VOC. TECH./TRADE OR OTHER SUCH INSTITUTES OF HIGHER LEARNING. AWARD WINNERS MUST ENROLL IN THE SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE WITHIN A YEAR OF THE AWARD DATE OR FORFEIT THE AWARD. PLEASE NOTE: PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP OR THE MONROE/WILLIAMS SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD, DEPENDENTS OF IUPAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF, GENERAL OFFICERS, AND FUND ADMINISTRATORS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. EMPLOYEES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

## RAFTERY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM (MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ESSAY)

LAST 4 SSN/SIN _____ NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ SINGLE ☐ MARRIED DATE OF GRADUATION _____

LIST THE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, VOC. TECH./TRADE SCHOOL, OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING YOU ARE ATTENDING OR PLAN TO ATTEND.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE COURSE OF STUDY YOU INTEND TO PURSUE AND THE EDUCATIONAL GOALS YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED FOR YOURSELF.

IUPAT MEMBER'S NAME _____

MEMBER'S LAST 4 SSN/SIN _____

MEMBER'S LOCAL UNION # _____ MEMBER'S ID NUMBER _____

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

The deadline for essays to reach the International Union Headquarters by **May 30, 2026**. Winners will be announced June 2026.

Please submit your applications to GSTmail@iupat.org or mail them to:
IUPAT Scholarship Committee,
7234 Parkway Drive, Hanover, MD, 21076. Phone: (410)564-5900