

Union Plus awards scholarships to NALC kids

Union Plus has awarded scholarships to three children of NALC members.

A program founded by the AFL-CIO to provide benefits to union members and their families, Union Plus has awarded scholarships each year to union members or members of their families since 1992. This year, Union Plus awarded \$200,000 in scholarships to 209 students representing 42 unions.

Nicholas Joseph Masters of Rochester, NY, son of Rochester Branch 210 carrier **Michael Masters**, was awarded a \$1,050 scholarship.

Masters will attend either the State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo or St. John Fisher College in Rochester this fall and plans to major in accounting and finance. After completing his degree, he hopes to help others deal with financial hardships and advise business owners on how to maximize profits while maintaining beneficial relationships with employees.

Masters fondly remembers attending Labor Day parades with his father as a child. “The people coming together



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represented how unions come together to have a collective benefit to the members they represent and build policies to protect the overall workforce,” he wrote in his application. “Many of my father’s closest friendships developed through his NALC experiences. He has always had a great sense of loyalty and strength—traits that have been nurtured by his NALC membership.”

Asher Raymond of Buffalo, NY, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. His father, **Andrew Raymond**, is a member of Buffalo-Western New York Branch 3.

Raymond is a resort and attraction management major at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH, and expects to graduate in May 2025. His career goal is to work at an amusement or theme park in marketing, communications or public relations. Raymond currently is a marketing intern at Cedar Point Sports Center in Sandusky, OH.

As a child, Raymond helped his father collect food for the annual NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive®, held on the second Saturday each May. “Seeing NALC members full of joy and happiness while doing something for the greater good stuck with me,” he wrote. “I always enjoyed that time of year.”

Nicole E. Wetzberger of Fayetteville, NC, daughter of Fayetteville Branch 1128 member **Eric Wetzberger**, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Wetzberger will attend North Carolina State University this fall as a Park Scholar, a program that develops stu-

dents’ potential in scholarship, leadership, service and character. She plans to major in biology and aspires to become a veterinarian. Wetzberger earned college credits through her high school’s dual enrollment program with Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Wetzberger’s union roots run deep: Her mother, Maria Mojica Wetzberger, is an American Postal Workers Union Local 984 member, and her grandfather also was a postal worker. Along with being an NALC member, her father is a past member of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

“Unions have brought peace and stability to my family,” she wrote. “Thanks to their respective unions, my parents have more than jobs: they have careers.”

The Union Plus Scholarship Program awards scholarships based on outstanding academic achievement, personal character, financial need, and commitment to the values of organized labor. Since starting the program in 1991, Union Plus has awarded more than \$5.6 million in educational funding to more than 4,000 union members, spouses and dependent children. Union Plus Scholarship awards are granted to students attending or planning to attend a two-year college, four-year college, graduate school or a recognized technical or trade school.

For information about scholarship eligibility and applications, go to unionplus.org/scholarship.

In addition to the scholarship program, Union Plus provides a range of money-saving programs and services for union members and families. Go to nalc.org/community-service/union-plus for details. **PR**

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The next issue of *The Postal Record* will be a combined September and October issue. Submissions for Branch Items, Retiree Reports, State Summaries, Election Notices, the Auxiliary Update, the Nalcrest Update and Mutual Exchange ads for the September/October issue are due Sept. 10.