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District Council 37 Education Committee
The Lillian Roberts Scholarship for Continuing Education
Scholarship Award Guidelines

The District Council 37 Education Committee has established a scholarship in the name of Mrs. Lillian Roberts, Executive Director of District Council 37.

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The Lillian Roberts Scholarship for Continuing Education was established in 2013 and is funded by contributions from Local 924, Kyle Simmons, President.

Lillian Roberts, a leader in the labor movement for more than 50 years, is a woman of many "firsts", the first African-American woman to serve as the Associate Director of District Council 37 in the late 1970's, the first African-American woman to serve as the New York State Commissioner of Labor in the 1980's and the first African-American woman to serve as Executive Director of District Council 37.

Mrs. Roberts continues to dedicate her life to obtaining fair equitable wages and benefits for DC 37 members and towards preserving the dignity of workers on both domestic and international fronts. Over the years, Lillian has been a strong advocate for education benefits for the membership and is credited with the creation of the District Council 37 Education Fund and the union's partnership with the College of New Rochelle forty plus years ago.

We are proud to introduce The Lillian Roberts Scholarship for Continuing Education which will support the educational endeavors of DC 37 members. One scholarship, selected by lottery, in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded annually.

Associate Directors

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General Information

- The scholarship will be awarded by lottery drawing one time per year, at a meeting of the District Council 37 Education Committee.
- The Education Committee will notify the scholarship recipient by US mail and will provide information about the collection of the award.
- Scholarship recipients can only receive one award and may not reapply in subsequent years.
- Applicants who are not selected may reapply.

Attached are the scholarship criteria and application instructions

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Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant must be a member in good standing of District Council 37 and must have at least one year of continuous union membership. The following categories are ineligible and will not be considered: all employees of District Council 37; members who are on a leave of absence, including members on disability leave; spouses, domestic partners, dependent children, grandchildren of DC 37 members; and retirees of DC 37.
- All applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree or be enrolled in a certificate program in an accredited Technical School, College or University. Students currently enrolled in a degree program must have completed at least one year of continuous study and have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 or better. Applicants currently enrolled in a certificate program must have successfully completed the first course of the program with a grade of C or better.
- The course of study in which the member is enrolled must be one that will benefit the community in which the member lives, or be in the field of Human Services, Education, Health Care or Labor Studies. Proof of enrollment from the educational institution (on the school's letterhead) must be submitted with the application.

Application Instructions

- All applications must be filled out correctly and signed by the member who is applying for the scholarship.
- Members must submit all of the requested information with their application form including a 250 word essay on how the scholarship would help the applicant achieve their educational goals.
- All applications are to be submitted to: The DC 37 Education Committee, 125 Barclay Street, room 814, New York, NY 10007
- All applications must be received by the deadline date of October 31, 2014. No applications will be accepted after that date.
- Please sign your application form.