

December 10, 2025

To: All affiliates of the Bergen County Central Trades & Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Greetings:

The Trustees of the Abraham Solomon Scholarship Fund for the Bergen County Central Trades & Labor Council, AFL-CIO, are proud to announce that eight (8) one-thousand-dollar (\$1000) scholarships will be offered for the year 2026. Only members of local unions affiliated with the Bergen County Central Trades & Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and their dependents are eligible to apply.

We will be awarding 4 scholarships in the memory of Abraham Solomon and 4 in the memory of Edward Purtill. Enclosed you will find the applications for both scholarships. We ask that you read all the eligibility requirements. Please feel free to put this information on your Union's website and make as many copies needed.

The selection committee requests that all applications are returned by US Mail and received no later than February 27, 2026.

Since the beginning of the scholarship fund over forty years ago, over two hundred scholarships have been awarded. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and officers of the Bergen County Central Trades & Labor Council, AFL-CIO, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely & In Solidarity,



Nigel Domer

Chairman, Abraham Solomon Scholarship Committee  
Bergen County Central Trades and Labor Council, AFL-CIO

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**ABRAHAM SOLOMON SCHOLARSHIP**  
**2025**

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Union and Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Union Officer & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Union Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIREMENTS**  
**PLEASE READ REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY**

1. To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must either be a member of a local union affiliated with the Bergen County Central Trades & Labor Council, AFL-CIO, or his/her spouse and/or children.
2. Each application must be accompanied by a transcript from your most recent institute of learning.
3. Each application must be accompanied by a short essay outlining your career goals, aspirations, and work experience. Describe your connection with the union and the labor movement. Explain why you are a good choice for a union scholarship.
4. The scholarship shall be applicable solely for an accredited college or accredited post-high school educational program.
5. The recipient of the scholarship must be enrolled at an accredited college or accredited post-high school program.
6. The scholarship will be granted for (1) one academic year.
7. The scholarship will be available to both full and part-time students.
8. The scholarship committee shall recommend recipients for the award based on merit, which will be determined by scholastic ability or its equivalent. Consideration of financial need will enter only under extraordinary circumstances.
9. All applications must be sent by US Mail and must be received by February 27, 2026.
10. The scholarships to be awarded are in the amount of \$1,000.00. Four scholarships will be awarded.

Mail Applications to: Abraham Solomon Scholarship, 205 Robin Rd. Ste. 205 Paramus, NJ 07652

**EDWARD PURTILL COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP  
2026**

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Union and Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Union Officer & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Union Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIREMENTS  
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1. To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must be a member of a local union affiliated with the Bergen County Central Trades & Labor Council, AFL-CIO, or his/her spouse and/or children.
2. Please submit years of volunteerism and a letter from the organization (s).
3. The recipient of the scholarship must be enrolled at an accredited college or accredited post- high school educational program.
4. The scholarship will be granted for one (1) academic year.
5. The scholarship will be available for both full and part-time students.
6. The application will be awarded based on merit.
7. All applications must be received by February 27, 2026.

The scholarships to be awarded are in the amount of \$1000.00 four (4) scholarships will be awarded. Only the recipients will be notified.

**Mail to:** Edward Purtill Community Service Scholarship 205 Robin Rd. Ste 205, Paramus, NJ 07663