

## **Scholarships**

### **Railroad Craft Scholarship Foundation deadline is May 1**

The Railroad Craft Scholarship Foundation (formerly known as the Joint Craft Scholarship) is now available through the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to college-bound children of all railroad operating crafts.

"To my knowledge this is the only scholarship program that covers all craft lines and is available on any railroad," said John D. Mullen, a member of BLE Division 500 (Cleburne, Texas).

The scholarships are available to children of employees working on any railroad represented by any railroad union currently covered under the Federal Employers' Liability Act. It provides financial aid to children of active, retired, or deceased railroad employees who would be unable to attend college without financial assistance.

Established in 1995 by Brother Mullen and other dedicated BLE members, the Railroad Craft Scholarship Foundation has awarded dozens of scholarships over the past seven years.

Intended to provide financial assistance to children who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend college, the scholarship offers several awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

"There are no stipulations if you are already attending college or are just starting out," Mullen said. "The Committee focuses more on the applicant's financial need rather than his or her academic performance."

Completed applications must be received by May 1, 2003. Applications will be reviewed and award winners determined by the Railroad Craft Scholarship Foundation's Board of Directors at their annual meeting in May of each year.

For an application packet, please contact:

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