Scholarships Available For Wood Badge

The VFW and the AFL-CIO have made scholarships available to members who wish to take Wood Badge training. These scholarships would be an excellent way for Scouters who are members of these organizations to help defer the cost of the course.

VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program
http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/VFWWoodBadgeScholarship.aspx

The VFW has entered into a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America to encourage posts to organize Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews. To further this effort, the VFW national headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities. Members at large and retirees can qualify by being sponsored by the nearest VFW post in their area.

Guidelines

1. This scholarship program covers Wood Badge courses. Wood Badge is a six-day training course involving Scoutcraft and leadership skills for unit-, district-, and council-level volunteers.
2. There shall be awarded annually three scholarships for each BSA region for a total of 12.
3. Scholarships will cover the tuition fee only. The recipient must furnish transportation to and from Wood Badge course locations.
4. Applicants must satisfy all Wood Badge course prerequisites.
5. Applicants must be VFW members in good standing.

AFL-CIO Wood Badge Scholarship Program
http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/AFL-CIOWoodBadgeScholarship.aspx

A survey conducted by the Boy Scouts of America revealed that one of every four unit leaders is a union member. This means that hundreds of thousands of union members are actively serving the youth of their community in such leadership roles as Cubmasters, den leaders, Scoutmasters, Varsity Scout Coaches, Venturing Advisors, and committee members.

Recognizing this, it is proper that the AFL-CIO offer a Wood Badge scholarship to assist selected union members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities.

Guidelines

1. This scholarship program covers the current Wood Badge course, which was updated in 2000. Wood Badge for the 21st century has been developed for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The focus of the course is on the development of leadership skills, not outdoor skills.
2. There shall be awarded annually three scholarships for each BSA region, for a total of 12.
3. Scholarships will cover the tuition fee only. The recipient must furnish transportation to and from Wood Badge training locations.
4. Eligibility shall be limited to lifetime and dues-paying union members.
5. Applicants must satisfy all Wood Badge course prerequisites.
6. All applications will be reviewed by AFL-CIO members involved with Scouting.