



## **2021 ATU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **IN MEMORY OF OSCAR “DOUBLE O” OWENS**

**SPONSORED BY THE ATU INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, SILVER SPRING, MD**

THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIPS ARE IN REMEMBRANCE OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURY OSCAR “DOUBLE O” OWENS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 25, 2019.

AS U.S. ARMY VETERAN, OWENS JOINED ATU LOCAL 192 (OAKLAND, CA), IN 1996, AS A BUS OPERATOR FOR AC TRANSIT. IN 1973, HE BECAME A SHOP STEWARD AND ROSE TO BECOME ITS PRESIDENT/BUSINESS AGENT. HE THEN SERVED THE INTERNATIONAL FOR MORE THAN 37 YEARS ALONGSIDE SIX INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS, AS A SPECIAL ORGANIZER, AN INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AN INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, AND INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR 18 YEARS.

A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE ATU BLACK CAUCUS, HE WAS A STRONG VOICE IN SUPPORT OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTFUL PLACE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS WITHIN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ATU AND THE ENTIRE LABOUR MOVEMENT.

HIS SIGNATURE CALL-TO-ARMS, “FIRED UP AND READY TO GO”, WILL ECHO THROUGHOUT THE ATU FOREVER.

RECIPIENTS OF THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIPS NAMED IN HIS HONOR, ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THEM IN PART TO STUDY UNION AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, AND GROW TO FIGHT INJUSTICES EVERYWHERE.

**IN 2021, FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS EACH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 WILL BE AWARDED. A SIXTH \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE AWARDED TO A TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL APPLICANT.**

**ATTACHED IS THE OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS. THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT**

**<https://wemovetoronto.ca/about/scholarships/>**

**FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATU INTERNATIONAL, DIRECTLY, AS PER THE REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.**

**October 23, 2020  
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**Attachments**