



# NPMHU Family Member Awarded 2015 Union Plus Scholarship

WINNERS HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND UNION VALUES

**U**nion Plus recently awarded \$150,000 in scholarships to 106 students representing 36 unions, including one winner representing the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, in the 2015 Union Plus Scholarship Program. In this 24th year of the program, more than 5,000 applications were received from union members, their spouses and their dependent children in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This year's NPMHU winner is:

## ★ Molly Dion of Jefferson, MA

**Molly, whose father, John Dion, is a member of NPMHU Local 301, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.**

"The burden of student debt will be felt for decades to come," Leslie Tolf, president of Union Privilege, the organization that provides Union Plus benefits for union families and manages the scholarship program, said. "Our scholarship winners understand this nightmare, and have an uncanny ability to budget, hold down jobs and internships, as well as continue to excel in their studies. They are informed consumers, which is increasing important in today's world."

## Meet the 2015 NPMHU Honoree: Molly Dion



Molly is a baking and pastry major at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., with an expected graduation date of May 2018. She hopes to one day own her own bakery. During high school, Molly worked in two local bakeries and a local coffee shop. A Presidential Excellence Award recipient and National Honor Society member, she earned her school's coaches award for lacrosse and twice participated in the state restaurant management competition. Active in the community, Molly is a member of Peace Love Bread, a Johnson & Wales club that makes and donates homemade bread to Providence-area shelters and social agencies. Molly said unions are beneficial to workers because they ensure that management follows rules and proper practices.

## Learn More About the Union Plus Scholarship Program

Union Plus Scholarship awards are granted to students attending a two-year college, four-year college, graduate school or a recognized technical or trade school. Since starting the program in 1991, Union Plus has awarded more than \$3.7 million in educational funding to more than 2,500 union members, spouses and dependent children.

Union Plus is committed to helping union members and their families fund their college education. In addition to the scholarships, Union Plus also offers the following benefits to help union families afford higher education:

- Discounts of 15 to 60 percent on college and graduate school test preparation courses from The Princeton Review. Discounts are available for classroom, online and private tutoring for the SAT®, ACT®, GMAT®, LSAT®, GRE® and MCAT® as well as college affordability and admissions online courses. Visit [UnionPlus.org/CollegePrep](http://UnionPlus.org/CollegePrep) or call 1-888-243-7737.
- Discounts on textbooks. Union families save 5 percent or more when renting or buying textbooks. New, used and digital textbooks are available. Free shipping is included on orders over \$59. Visit [UnionPlus.org/Textbooks](http://UnionPlus.org/Textbooks).
- College counseling discounts of 15 percent on college counseling from Collegewise, the admission division of The Princeton Review. College counselors help high school student find, apply to and attend the right colleges. Visit [UnionPlus.org/CollegeCounsel](http://UnionPlus.org/CollegeCounsel) for more information.
- Union Plus Student Debt Reducer Grant\* helps eligible Union Plus Credit Card, Mortgage and Insurance participants pay down their student loans. Visit [UnionPlus.org/DebtReducer](http://UnionPlus.org/DebtReducer) for more information.

**Visit [UnionPlus.org/Education](http://UnionPlus.org/Education)  
for applications and benefit eligibility.**

*\*Certain restrictions, limitations, and qualifications apply to these grants.*

*Additional information and eligibility criteria can be obtained at [UnionPlus.org/Education](http://UnionPlus.org/Education). Grants are only available until all available funds have been awarded.*