



NPMHU Family Member Awarded 2014 Union Plus Scholarship

Winners Honored for Achievement and Union Values

Union Plus recently awarded \$150,000 in scholarships to 116 students representing 39 unions, including one winner representing the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU), in the 2014 Union Plus Scholarship Program. In this 23rd year of the program, more than 5,300 applications were received from union members and families in all 50 states. This year's NPMHU winner is:

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

"There are a lot of benefits to being a union member. Economic security is number one, and education is the first building block. Education sets up our kids for success, leadership and happiness," said Leslie Tolf, president of Union Privilege, the organization behind Union Plus benefits and the scholarship program. "By awarding these scholarships we level the playing field - everyone deserves an equal shot at a quality education. We help union families feel just a little more secure in embarking on successful lives."

Meet the 2014 NPMHU Honoree

Katie Dion

Thanks to her father's 23 years in the union, Katie says, "I have never really wanted for anything." With good pay and union benefits giving her family stability, and with the NPMHU fighting to protect jobs, Katie has taken advantage of every opportunity to excel: as a student, as a volunteer in her community and as captain of three sports teams her senior year. Today her goal is to fulfill her lifetime dream of a career in medicine. "I have a passion for helping people," she says.

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 \$3.6 million in educational funding to more than 2,400 union members, spouses and dependent children.

Visit www.UnionPlus.org/Education for applications and benefit eligibility.