

Union Plus recently released their awards for the Union Plus Scholarship, a scholarship award worth \$1,000 was given to Tulsi Patel daughter of Chhaya Patel a Local 315 member. Tulsi's application was chosen out of a pool of over 6,000 applicants spread out over 32 unions, 115 total scholarships were awarded for the calendar year. Tulsi was also awarded the Local 315 Kirkpatrick Scholarship award worth \$1,500. WOW **CONGRATULATIONS TULS!!**

At right, please find the press release detailing the Union Plus scholarship award won by Tulsi Patel.

To inquire further about the Union Plus Scholarship and other education saving offerings please visit www.unionplus.org.



Union Plus Scholarship Award Recipient Tulsi Patel



NPMHU Local 315 President Bryan Easley (L) presents the Local 315 Kirkpatrick Scholarship award to Tulsi Patel's mother, Local 315 Member Chhaya Patel (R).

NPMHU Family Member Awarded 2018 Union Plus Scholarship

WINNER HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND UNION VALUES

ashington, D.C. — Union Plus recently awarded \$150,000 in scholarships to 115 students representing 32 unions, including one winner representing the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU). This year's group of scholarship recipients includes university, college, and trade or technical school students from 36 states. The NPMHU winner is:

Tulsi Patel of Eugene, Oregon. Patel, whose mother, Chhaya Patel, is a member of NPMHU Local 315, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

"Union Plus is pleased to help these incredibly talented union family members offset the high cost of college education," Union Plus President Mitch Stevens said. "Education is a vital building block for success, and we're happy that the Union Plus Scholarship Program provides assistance and support for 115 deserving students."

MEET THE 2018 NPMHU HONOREE: TULSI PATEL

Tulsi is a third-year human physiology major at the University of Oregon (UO). She plans to attend medical school and aspires to be a pediatrician. Tulsi was a teaching and lab assistant for UO biology professor Mark Carrier in spring of 2017 and shadowed a doctor at the Oregon Health & Science University Child Development and Rehabilitation Center in Eugene beginning in October 2017. She graduated valedictorian from Clackamas [Oregon] High School (CHS). Tulsi said her family's quality of life has been improved due to her mother's NPMHU membership. "Through my mom's experiences, I have learned that NPMHU always has the employees' interests at heart," Tulsi said. "The union sticks up for the workers in cases of discrimination, harassment, and troubles with management. Because of NPMHU, my mom has a group of people who have her back."

- Activities and honors: UO Students of the Indian Subcontinent; CHS Health Sciences Student of the Year; National Honor Society; CHS varsity soccer
- Volunteerism: BAPS Charities; Key Club

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Union Plus Scholarship Program, now in its 27th year, awards scholarships based on outstanding academic achievement, personal character, financial need, and commitment to the values of organized labor. The program is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation.

Since starting the program in 1991, Union Plus has awarded more than \$4.3 million in educational funding to more than 2,900 union members, spouses, and dependent children. Union Plus Scholarship awards are granted to students attending a two-year college, four-year college, graduate school, or recognized technical or trade school. The selection process is very competitive, and this year over 6,000 applications were received from 70 unions and all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and two U.S. territories.

Visit **unionplus.org/scholarship** for applications and benefit eligibility.

ABOUT UNION PLUS

Union Plus, founded by the AFL-CIO in 1986, uses the collective buying power of America's 12.5 million union members to deliver top-quality benefits and services at competitive prices to working families. In addition to the scholarship program, Union Plus offers the new Free College program which makes it possible for union members and their families to earn an associate degree completely online at no cost. Union Plus also provides a wide range of money-saving programs, including discounts on wireless services from AT&T, the only nationwide unionized wireless carrier, savings on travel and recreation, and more. To learn more, visit **unionplus.org**.