




UNION PLUS
SCHOLARSHIP

Union Plus recently awarded its scholarship to 108 students representing 34 different unions. NPMHU has been well represented in the Union Plus Scholarship winners circle over the past years. This year Sofia DeLeon, daughter of Local 316 Mail Handler Daniel DeLeon, was one of the lucky recipients.

Sofia DeLeon graduated this summer and will be the first person in her family to attend college. Throughout her high school career Sofia participated in several activities and clubs she was also a Mentor for young students. One of Sofia's brightest accomplishments was to start a program for children of need where students and faculty at her school would donate backpacks and school supplies.

The NPMHU is proud of Sofia and her accomplishments and kind will. We would like to congratulate her on being a recipient of the Union Plus Scholarship and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

At right please find the press release detailing the Union Plus Scholarship award won by Sofia DeLeon.

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

NPMHU Family Member Awarded 2019 Union Plus Scholarship

WINNER HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND UNION VALUES

Washington, D.C.—Union Plus recently awarded \$170,000 in scholarships to 108 students representing 34 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 31 states plus the District of Columbia. The NPMHU winner is:

Sofia DeLeon of Lakewood, Washington. DeLeon, whose father, Daniel de Leon, is a member of NPMHU Local 316, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

"The entire team here at Union Plus is so proud to be able to offer this scholarship program to help union family members offset the high cost of college education," Union Plus President Mitch Stevens said. "This year's group of 108 winners are all incredibly talented, motivated, and deserving students taking an important step to further their education and build the foundation for future success."

MEET THE 2019 NPMHU HONOREE: SOFIA DE LEON

Sofia is a 2019 graduate of Harrison Preparatory School (HPS) in Lakewood, Washington. She will be the first person in her family to attend college and plans to major in business and marketing. Sofia aspires to earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and work as a marketing manager for a Seattle-based company. Her mother, Michelle Wilson, is a member of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART). Sofia started a project at HPS that allowed students and staff to donate backpacks and school supplies for area foster children. "No one should have to believe that

success is based on circumstances," Sofia said. "I want all kids to have the materials they need and feel confident for school. Foster children should know that people are supporting them and their education."

- **Activities and honors:** *City of Lakewood Youth Council; Young Executives of Color (YEOC); Four Heroes Appreciation of Service Award; HPS Art Department Award; National Honor Society; HPS Honor Roll; HPS Knowledge Bowl; ASB leadership*
- **Volunteerism:** *Elementary Mentors; Make a Difference Day; City of Lakewood Christmas Tree Lighting; local crab feed; fundraisers*

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Union Plus Scholarship Program, now in its 28th 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 \$4.5 million in educational funding to more than 3,000 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 7,100 applications were received from 65 unions and all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and two U.S. territories, representing an almost 20% increase in applications from 2018.

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