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# SMART-TD AUXILIARY

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## **A BRIEF HISTORY**

Sophia J. Granger became interested in lodge work when St. Clair Lodge 241 in the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakeman (name was changed shortly after to Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (B.R.T.)), was organized on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1886, in Fort Gratiot Michigan. Her husband, Henry Granger was elected Treasurer. Sophia had hopes of forming an Auxiliary of Wives, Sisters and Mothers of members from Lodge 241.

Mrs. Granger called the ladies together and formed a Literary Society. After a while the ladies realized they needed to be in touch with the Brotherhood and arranged for a Charity Ball to raise funds. They changed the name of *Literary Club* to *Cicilian Circle*, meaning Dancing Circle. The Ball was a huge success and raised \$200.00. With the urging of Mrs. Granger, the ladies decided they wanted to be an Auxiliary to the Brotherhood and sent a petition to Grand Lodge for a Charter.

In 1888, the request was brought to the Brotherhood's Convention held in Columbus, Ohio. A Charter was granted from the Brotherhood to form a Grand Lodge, Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen.

A wire was sent to Mrs. Granger, stating that the first petition presented and signed by twenty-five (25) Ladies would be granted a Charter. The next day a petition was sent with twenty-seven (27) names.

On January 23, 1889, the Grand Lodge of Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was organized at Fort Gratiot, Michigan by Brother W. E. Wilkinson, Grand Master. All expenses were paid by the Brotherhood.

The preparation of the Constitution, By-Laws and Ritual was tedious. The success in organizing has been attributed to the untiring efforts of Sophia J. Granger and the assistance of the Brotherhood. Sister Granger designed the Emblem of the Auxiliary, the eight-pointed star with clasped hands, encircled by golden rays. She also composed the 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Auxiliary Hymn of which the words have never changed.

### **OUR FIRST LODGE**

The first Subordinate Lodge, Golden Star Lodge No. 1, was organized at Fort Gratiot, Michigan June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1889. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1892, the first Canadian Lodge, Maple Leaf Lodge No. 9, was organized in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

In 1925, an Auxiliary home was established in Evanston, Illinois financed by a twenty-five cent (.25) assessment. Due to the small number of members taking advantage of it and changes in city health rules and regulations, the home was sold in 1962, to the Swedish Home Inc.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1970, when the B.R.T. merged with three other rail crafts to form the United Transportation Union (UTU), a Charter was granted to the Ladies Auxiliary, and the name was changed to Ladies Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union.

At the 1998, Auxiliary Convention the word “Ladies” was dropped from the name, thus giving an opportunity for spouses of female employees and male relatives to join the Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union. This action took effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999.

At the 2018, Auxiliary Convention the delegates voted to accept a charter from the SMART-TD and changed their name to SMART-TD Auxiliary. The delegation also voted at that convention to allow active SMART-TD members to join the Auxiliary.

Peak numbers in membership was reached in the 1950's. Sophia J. Granger laid the groundwork for the Auxiliary more than 125 years ago. Today, members of the Auxiliary still strive to carry on that work with renewed faith, to build membership, to continue legislative and charitable work and to be ever mindful of the motto: *Truth, Honor and Sincerity*.

## **GOALS and PURPOSE of the AUXILIARY**

1. To unite the families of SMART-TD.
2. To promote the welfare of SMART-TD and our members socially, morally, and intellectually.
3. To promote professionalism of lodges by securing educational development programs and speakers of interest.
4. To increase the understanding of various railway, bus, airline and other transportation issues.
5. To further the understanding of legislative issues affecting SMART-TD.
6. To provide a forum for the exploration of knowledge and to encourage the exchange of information among members.

The SMART-TD Auxiliary is an organization of persons of all ages (16 years and over) related to members of the SMART-TD or a transportation union member or Auxiliary member as well as active and retired SMART-TD/UTU members.

Membership in the Auxiliary creates an association with people of similar interests. It helps members to better understand the work of SMART-TD and the importance of the union to the spouse's or relative's job.

The SMART-TD Auxiliary is a nonsectarian and non-partisan organization. Members of subordinate lodges have an opportunity to participate in community affairs and become informed on important legislation affecting railroad, bus, airline and other transportation.

## **ORGANIZING A NEW LODGE**

Any number of persons, not less than 10 members, having the prescribed qualifications may petition the Grand Lodge for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge.

After the prescribed numbers of applicants have been secured, a preliminary meeting shall be held, at which time a secretary pro tem shall be elected. Soon thereafter an application for Charter shall be forwarded to the International President, along with the Charter fee of \$25.00.

The applicants for Charter membership shall meet at the time and place fixed upon, and proceed to vote under supervision of the organizing officer.

The Charter fee for each new Lodge shall entitle the lodge to a complete line of books, forms, and other lodge supplies deemed necessary by the Grand Lodge.

All lodges of the Auxiliary shall be organized by a District Vice-President or other Grand Lodge officer who shall collect any additional Membership Applications, the fee and shall also report the names of Officers and of Charter Members. No new Lodge shall be permitted to take the name of a Lodge currently in existence. All information and items shall be forward to the International Secretary and Treasurer.

## **MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

- Spouse, family members, relatives of a SMART-TD, Auxiliary or transportation union member in good standing.
- Spouse, family or relative of a deceased SMART-TD or Auxiliary member in good standing at the time of death.
- Employees of SMART-TD.
- Active SMART-TD members.
- RETIRED SMART-TD/UTU members.
- Staff of State Legislative Boards, General Committees and the Washington, D.C. Legislative Office.
- People who held membership in the former Brotherhoods Auxiliaries which merged into the United Transportation Union are eligible for membership.

## **AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In 2003, the Auxiliary Board of Directors endowed a scholarship fund beginning with the 2005/2006 school year. The Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund annually awards a minimum of eight four-year scholarships of \$1,000.00 each per year. The Scholarship Fund helps preserve the original endowment for the future education of families of Auxiliary members.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Scholarships recipients are selected by a random drawing from applications received during the first three months of a calendar year. The Auxiliary member must have been a member for at least one year as of March 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of the scholarship application and also must maintain membership through the duration of the scholarship award. Members who have paid current-years dues may nominate their children, stepchildren, grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

## **SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Applicant must have attained at least a high school senior level education, be no more than 25 years of age, and be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university. The student must maintain no less than a 2.0 yearly grade point average.

## **AWARDS**

The selection of scholarship recipients is made through a random drawing from the pool of qualified applicants who have submitted applications in accordance with the foundation's requirements.

## **APPLICATION PERIOD**

The application period for the school year will be January 1 through March 31. All applications must be postmarked on or before March 31. The Scholarship will be for the fall term of the same year. Only one application per student will be accepted.

## **INFORMATION REQUIRED**

- Name, address, phone number and lodge number of Auxiliary member
- Relationship of student to Auxiliary member
- Name, address, phone number of student's parents
- Name, address, phone number and date of birth of student
- Name and complete address of college or university student plans to attend
- Course of study
- College year (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate study)
- Signature of Auxiliary member
- Signature of student
- An application becomes null and void if assessments and Grand Lodge dues have not been paid
- Photocopies and faxes of the application form will not be honored



## **APPLICATIONS**

Applications are available online only between January 1 through March 3. If you have questions please contact:

**Barbara Purdon**  
**Scholarship Fund Secretary**  
Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund  
Phone: (406) 356-2793  
Email: [utuauxscholarsec@gmail.com](mailto:utuauxscholarsec@gmail.com)

## **DRAWINGS**

Drawings are held during the April meeting of the Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund Board each year. Scholarships are awarded for the fall term of the same year.

## **SUPERVISION**

The Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund Board is in charge of the scholarship program. More details may be obtained by contacting:

**Marilyn Spangler**  
**Scholarship Fund President**  
Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund  
1218 Cordova Rd  
Mayfield Heights, OH 44124  
Phone: (216) 502-7226  
Email: [utuauxscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:utuauxscholarship@gmail.com)

## **FUNDING**

The Scholarship fund was started with more than \$1,100.00 that was generated from a raffle held at the Eighth International Auxiliary Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2002.

However, in the event no funding is available, the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund Board retains the right to discontinue offering scholarships.

The scholarship fund is maintained through interest on investments, donations from subordinate lodges, fundraisers and personal donations.

### **All checks should be made payable to: Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund**

Send donations to:

**Rebecca Allgyre,**  
**Scholarship Fund Treasurer**  
Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund  
12503 E Co Rd 6  
Attica, OH 44807-9435  
Phone: (419) 937-6369  
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## **TERMS**

Terms and qualifications are subject to revisions. Please check the Auxiliary web site ([www.smarttdauxiliary.org](http://www.smarttdauxiliary.org)) for updates.



## **Auxiliary supports SMART TD PAC**

In 1925, offices of “legislative representative” and “alternate” were created in subordinate lodges to communicate and help advance legislative issued to our members and their families. That continues today. Many benefits have been derived over the years from the work of the SMART-TD and the Auxiliary’s legislative department. Auxiliary members support SMART-TD PAC with continuous contributions and by working closely with the SMART-TD on legislative issues.

## **SMART-TD Political Action Committee**

**SMART-TD PAC** contributes to qualified state and national political candidates, regardless of party affiliation.

**SMART-TD PAC** protects the interests of active and retired members and safeguards laws, working conditions and pension rights.

**SMART-TD PAC** has well-organized advisory committees in 49 states and the District of Columbia, and an office in Washington, D.C.

**SMART-TD PAC** opens doors in the state and national capitals that might not be opened otherwise. It is not only the money that opens these doors; it is the votes behind the money that gets representatives from the SMART-TD Legislative Boards into the offices of the state and national law makers.

**All checks should be made out to SMART-TD PAC**

**Send Donations to:**

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## SMART TD AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State or Province/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Check to receive newsletter via email       Check to receive Auxiliary Constitution via email

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

### \$10 Membership Application Fee

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

(Visa, MasterCard, American Express)

CID \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digits on back for Visa/Mastercard - 4 above card # for AMX )

If paying by check make payable to: ***"SMART TD Auxiliary"***  
Complete and mail to:

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Any questions please contact us at 216-521-1161