Happy Holidays,

In this issue you will be hearing a lot about two person crew legislation. This is crucial legislation that you’ve been hearing about for some time now. It’s something that could have a huge impact on your spouse or family member’s job as well as it being a safety issue to the public at large. This effects anyone who lives, works or travels near railroad tracks. We strongly urge you to talk to your friends, neighbors and family about this. I wanted to briefly touch on this matter however I won’t go into any further detail since it’s thoroughly being covered in this issue by others.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone that this is the last month to take advantage of the new member contest so keep inviting eligible people to join. When your lodge holds its holiday party or social consider opening it up to the local and their families if they aren’t already included. It would be a good opportunity to talk about the importance of the Auxiliary and being educated and informed on such matters as the aforementioned legislation or what to do if someone is injured or worse while on the job. If you need any flyers they can be found on our website. The results of the contest will be shared in the March issue. If you have any questions please let Grand Lodge or your Vice President know.

On the subject of Vice Presidents, we recently filled the vacancy for Alternate Vice President in District 8 with Dawn Voelker from Spokane Washington, Lodge 426. Dawn previously held this position last term and accepted the appointment. There is a bio on her in the Vice President Corner. We also filled a vacancy in the Board of Trustees due to Niki Wallace becoming International Secretary Treasurer. The vacancy has been filled by Geralyn Gardner who had been nominated at convention. Congrats and welcome to both of these members in their new positions.

Warmest wishes this holiday season and a prosperous and happy New Year!

Your sister in solidarity,

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ADD 3 OR MORE MEMBERS

LODGE IS ENTERED INTO DRAWING FOR A GIFT CARD

GRAND PRIZE

LODGE WITH HIGHEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE RECEIVES $100 CHECK

CONTEST PERIOD

JANUARY – DECEMBER

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Good day to all,

Yep, another year almost gone, Thanksgivings here and Christmas is around the corner. There is much for all of us to be thankful for I’m sure. Family, home, friends, food on our table, health, a good paying job to support our lives and loved ones. There is one thing I must bring to all’s attention in the mists of this grateful season… Here it is. Our livelihoods, our health, retirement, our finical security, our safety, the public’s safety, our very lives are all being placed on the head of a pin. Hundreds if not thousands of Railroad jobs across the US are once again in serious jeopardy. The 2 person crew debate is in full swing.

In May, FRA withdrew a 2016 notice of proposed rulemaking that would have established a minimum crew size of two members. According to a notice published in the May 29 Federal Register, the NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rule Making- An announcement by an agency of the U.S. government that proposes a change in regulations) withdrawal supplants (supersede and replace) minimum crew size laws in nine states, including California, West Virginia and Wisconsin. This is an effort to stop states from passing the mandatory crew size legislation (2 Person).

“FRA has determined that no regulation of train crew staffing is necessary or appropriate at this time and intends for the withdrawal to preempt all state laws attempting to regulate train crew staffing in any manner,” the notice states.

Illinois fought back! Good on you Illinois….

Springfield, IL — Legislation signed into law Aug. 9 by Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker (D) requires freight trains operating in the state to have at least two crew members, challenging the Federal Railroad Administration’s recent effort to prevent states from regulating train crew sizes. Sep 5, 2019

This is disastrous in so many ways. Trains run some places more than 65 RPM, are more than 2 ½ miles long (12000 and 15000 feet long) and carry more harmful chemicals than I care to list. Our Engineer will be the only one in the locomotive cab with this great responsibility.

We need to get the word out. We need to follow Illinois courageous boldness. We need to talk about this at our kitchen tables, groceries stores, playgrounds, jobs, dinner tables…Our schools, churches, local taverns and bars…Our lodge meetings. Anywhere the public and you meet. Make fliers, put signs in your lawn and talk with your local radio station and newspaper. Tell them your concerns. Whatever it takes… How many times have you heard an Engineer or
Conductor say how hard it was to stay alert /awake, see what’s in front of them, heard a strange noise, had to stop and check the track, a bridge, an accident, on and on...think about all that and more with NO CONDUCTER, Just the Engineer. The peril it puts our Engineers in, (possible medical issues and sleep deprivation just to name a few) the peril of the public, (dangerous chemicals rolling through our towns pass schools, churches, homes and shops with only one person dealing with the issue) as well as the inconvenience of travel, and commerce (the splitting of trains at R & R Crossings) Our EMS, Fire and police departments having no one at the scene to help assess in an emergence, (the Engineer will not be able to leave the locomotive cab), and yes, jobs...Jobs of our Conductors, our livelihoods, the ability to make a good living, the Engineers job more complexed, the viability of our Union, all in jeopardy so the Railroad can save (make more) money. This trickles right down into our neighborhoods and communities. Despite the looming catastrophic events waiting to happen, with one person crew comes unemployment and with unemployment comes less money in the community’s, more pressure on our schools, social and medical professionals, more stress on families and relationships, less money in our pockets and so much more. We need to fight the fight. We need to come together like only a Union can. We need to brainstorm to inform all we can. This is NOT the issue we brush off to someone else to take care off. This one is ours.

You can get ahold of the Grand lodge for ideas and to give us your ideas. You can call your Locals and your Vice President for ideas. Attend your local meetings; call your state legislators and your Senators as well. If you don’t know how to get a hold of someone, we will help you. The only bad idea is no idea my Brothers and Sisters. Get strong, be strong and stay strong.

With my whole heart....In solidarity,

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"No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it"
UTUIA and Auxiliary Annual Halloween Potluck
International Office
I would like to be among the first to wish you a very Happy Holiday Season. With all of the crazy going on around us... I hope you can pause to give thanks for what we do have and spend time with your family. In the mean-time... we have a lot of work to do.....

Your involvement in spreading the word about the Two-Person Crew Bill is absolutely paramount. As you know, your jobs are under attack now more than ever. Increases in technology are great, but they will never replace an actual Engineer and Conductor on a train.

I encourage you to visit the SMART-TD Website: https://smart-union.org/td/ and click on the “Two-Person Crew Tab.” From there you can send a letter to your specific elected officials. PLEASE DO THIS!

If you choose to send one on your own, I have included a sample letter below:

“As a railroad worker and a constituent, I urge you to cosponsor..............This would require freight trains to be operated by at least two individuals - a certified conductor and a certified engineer. This requirement is vital to ensure the safety of communities across the nation.

Engineers and conductors are each responsible for a long list of unique duties, most of which must be carried out simultaneously. Consolidating these responsibilities into one individual only worsens the most critical safety issue facing the rail industry today - high levels of fatigue among operating employees which contribute to additional train accidents.

The impetus of this rail safety legislative came about due to a deadly incident in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec -- on July 6, 2013, an unattended freight train carrying 72 tank cars of crude oil derailed and exploded in Lac-Mégantic, killing 47 people and destroying much of the town. The train, operated by a single crewmember, rolled away because the train engineer was unable to secure the train on his own. This could have been prevented.

Two-person crews not only help prevent potential accidents or derailments, they play a critical role in emergency situations. While the railroad industry claims that the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) can allow them to safely operate trains with a single crewmember, it is simply untrue. PTC cannot open rail crossings, see potential security threats, or physically secure trains. These operations require two people--and no less.

I respectfully ask that you cosponsor .....”

I am always available to walk you through this, help host a local event, or any type of GOTV activity that you would like to do. Please contact me at the number and/or email listed below.

In Solidarity,

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( Guaranteed issue for active transportation employees)
- $20,000, $40,000 or $60,000 death benefit
- $600 daily ICU benefit
- Daily family lodging and meals
- Family rider available

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OPENING A LODGE

Minimum of 10 members
Railroad spouses/family members

Pre-Meeting planning
Discuss Lodge goals
Connect with SMART TD Local

Contact Grand Lodge
Request a Charter
Politics Again?

We are directly affected by politics. Railroaders both working and retired are subject to laws made in State Legislatures and Congress. Whether it be hours of service laws (how long we work), railroad retirement laws (how many years we work), regulatory directives (cell phone use) or safety issues (current 2 person crew legislation pending in many state capitals). As spouses and families of railroaders, the fact is we are impacted by all of them. No matter how we feel about politics and no matter what your political affiliation is, Laws and Regulation shape our lives. That being said, SMART TD is doing all it can to educate law makers about the issues we, Railroading Families, are concerned about. November 5th Virginia voters gave Democrats a majority in the legislature and state senate. Kentucky voters selected a Democrat as Governor. We are one year away from a Presidential election. Will this trend continue? That is certainly up to we the people. Let’s do all we can to bring citizens into elected office that understand and support our unique Union Families.

We are in the midst of several holiday seasons – the Christmas season happens to be my favorite! It’s not because of the gifts, but because as our children get older it’s just about the only time that our whole family is able to get together anymore, and I miss that more than anything. With my children striving to be self-sufficient, and me still having a lot of love and nurturing to give, I have been looking for more ways to reach out and contribute to my community.
Last year, our lodge heard about a local radio station that was working with the Department of Social Services, Caring for Children, Helpmate, Safelight, and others, collecting the Christmas wishes of more than 400 abused and/or neglected children in our community. Individuals in our Lodge chose to take this opportunity to reach out and help by “adopting” a child, or several, and purchasing every item on their list. One lodge member gifted a child a bike and helmet – just the thought of the smile on that child’s face! Seeing the time and effort our members invested, and the joy they experienced shopping for these children, was especially heartwarming.

I know other lodges do the same, and if you or your lodge is interested in spreading some Christmas cheer this season, I’ve done some of the research for you! In addition to any local community efforts, these organizations also help children at Christmas time: 1) the U.S. Marines’ Toys for Tots has many convenient locations to drop off new, unwrapped toys; 2) Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, clothing, candy and a personal note from you; 3) Make-A-Wish Foundation – there are many ways to make the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions come true, visit their website to see if you can make a child’s wish a reality!; 4) My Two Front Teeth and the Family Giving Tree join forces to help children. Visit either website to see a list of children’s names, ages and wish lists; 5) Angel Tree helps children who have at least one parent in prison. Many cities have churches, schools or other places of business with Angel Tree locations where you can pick a child to sponsor or make a monetary donation; 6) Salvation Army’s Fill the Truck teams up with Walmart, holding a toy drive at participating Walmart stores giving customers a chance to assist local families in need. Shoppers receive a list of suggested gifts they can purchase in the store and donate on the spot; and 7) we can show our support to our country’s servicemen and women and their families by making a monetary donation, giving them a Christmas tree for the holidays. This foundation provides hundreds of Christmas trees each year to troops stationed overseas who will not be home for Christmas.

The above is by no means an exhaustive list – you can also bring hope and joy to your community by donating your time and/or gifts to those in foster care, group homes, homeless shelters or domestic violence shelters.

However you choose to spread the joy, thanks for making someone’s holiday special!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
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fill out info of nominee

Name of nominee

Lodge

Address

City

State or Province

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Dates of volunteer activities

Total volunteer time (hours, minutes)
Value of contribution (if applicable)

Please attach a separate sheet describing volunteer activities.
The more documentation you can provide the better.

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Deadline is December 31, 2019

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My husband, Stuart Gardner, State Legislative Director of Ohio, asked me to join him when he was requested by the National Legislative Greg Hynes to come to Washington, DC on October 21 thru 24, 2019 to Lobby the Hill and show support with these important bills that mean a lot to our members and families. Our mission was to help attend meetings with one of five BLE&T teams lobbying Congressmen and Congresswomen in this three day blitz.

Two person crew – HR 1748 and the Cross Border Protection Bill – HR 3896 were the topics that were discussed. HR 3896 is legislation to stop the Kansas City Southern Railroad from allowing Mexican train crews taking trains at the border up to ten miles within the United States.

Here is the schedule of lobbying that I attended with Stu and BLE&T teams 2 & 4 Tuesday thru Thursday:

**Tuesday, October 22 with team 4 including Bobby Hagan**
- 12:00PM - Congressman Matt Cartwright - (D-PA-08)
- 12:30PM - Congressman Conor Lamb - (D-PA-17)
- 1:00PM - Congressman Fred Keller - (R-PA-12)
- 2:45PM - Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia - (D-TX-29)

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019 with team 4**
- 10:15AM - Congressman Marc Veasey - (D-TX-33)
- 11:00AM - Congresswoman Marcia Fudge n- (D-OH-11)
- Team 2
- 12:30PM - Congressman Don Young - At Large - AK
- 1:00PM - Congressman Hal Rodgers (R-KY-05)
- 1:30PM - Congressman Joe Courtney (R-CT-2)
- 3:30PM - Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-9)

**Thursday, October 24, 2019 with team 2 including John Tolman**
- 9:00AM - Congressman Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2)
- Team 2 including Bobby Hagan
- 10:00AM Congressman Earl Carter - (R-GA-1)
- 10:30AM Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro - (D-CT-03)
- 11:15AM Congresswoman Katie Hill - (D-CA-25)
Some of these representatives are already on board with their support, some had no clue what we were talking about and thru the power of the meetings, we educated them on our needs and why it is so important to our workers and families. We all want to see our family member come home safe and sound like they were, prior to reporting to work.

Help make your voice heard in Congress by becoming a Grassroots Advocate. By taking action in supporting our Two-Person Crew Legislation in the United States Senate & United States House of Representatives.

• Simply, go to the SMART-TD website at: https://smart-union.org/td/ scroll down on the right hand side to the TAKE ACTION ON CAPITOL HILL click on that tab which will take you to the Legislative Action Center.

• Go to the Our Issues, and then click the TAKE ACTION tab to the appropriate issue, fill in your contact information, and the website (after you send the message) will send to your correct Legislator.

• The Ohio State Legislative Board also has a Legislative Action Center that covers the State of Ohio Issues. It works the same way: www.smart-oslb.com

• Please become involved and take a positive stand supporting issues that protect the safety of our freight train crews, the communities that our trains pass through, and where rail yards are located.

• These actions will protect Railroad Retirement for now and into the future by sharing our thoughts and voices with those who ultimately make the decisions that affect Railroaders and their families – the United States Congress.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER | OUR ISSUES | Ask Your U.S. Senators to Cosponsor the Safe Freight Act (S. 1979) | S. 1979 (a companion bill to H.R. 1748, the Safe Freight Act) would require at a minimum a certified conductor and a certified locomotive engineer on freight trains operating in the United States. | TAKE ACTION | Ask Your Representative to Cosponsor Two-Person Crew Legislation | H.R. 1748 would require at a minimum a certified conductor and a certified locomotive engineer on freight trains operating in the United States. | TAKE ACTION |

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My passion for the past 18 years has been Girl Scouting. The vision of Girl Scouts is to empower every girl to become leaders, to believe in themselves, building up their courage, confidence, and character to take action in making the world a better place. This holds true to our organization as an Auxiliary, as adult "girls". We build each other up, we help each other out, and we teach each other about how to deal with life challenges. We are still here as adults to continue this vision. We shouldn't be afraid to take on any life challenges, such as starting a SMART-TD Auxiliary, fixing or repairing something around our houses, or car, building a fire, setting up a tent, using a knot to tie off a boat or make jewelry, start a movement for the good of our community, run for office, love our family deeply, and be empathetic to others. We should be happy with who we are at any point in our lives and share our sisterhood with others (aka Auxiliary spouses). We should lead by example in all aspects of our lives. And...Make the World a Better Place!

Definition: Auxiliary; NOUN
1. a person or thing providing supplementary or additional help and support.

Being part of this auxiliary has bonded me to many ladies that I have enjoyed the company of occasionally, but now get to enjoy more often with our Lodge. A similar opportunity I have had the honor of serving in girl scouts. I have been a Girl Scout Service Unit Manager for 12 of those 18 years as a Girl Scout Troop Leader. This volunteer position is for mentoring adult volunteers as they work with girls in our community to create memories they will never forget. Everyone always thinks about the girls having fun, but as volunteers we have a blast going on these adventures and learning too. I have six towns in my Service Unit, and have enjoyed sharing my knowledge, but mostly loved getting to know these ladies and helping them to grow in their personal lives.

I was honored this past year with the "Appreciation Pin" through the Girl Scout Council of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana. This award honors a volunteer that has provided outstanding service to at least one service unit towards achievement of the council's goals. I have received my 5, 10, and 15 year pins.

Recently I have become a Lifetime member, at the same time as stepping down from my role as Service Unit Manager, still keeping the role of Secretary/Treasurer, Registrar, and Troop Leader. Volunteers are dwindling, and we see this in all aspects of the communities so trying to step down from all my roles has been quite difficult. I know I will most likely always be involved in girl scouts in one aspect or another. I would love to someday be a trainer to teach
(Continued, Nora)
girls archery or water craft sports (kayak or canoeing). Right now, I want to enjoy my granddaughter as much as I can, she is almost one year old already! Will I be her Girl Scout leader? Maybe someday as she lives in Michigan, but my daughter is also a Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts.

So be on the lookout for some tips in some upcoming newsletters, I may try my hand at sharing some fun things with you!

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DISTRICT 6 STATES: Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota

Great, wonderful and impressive events have occurred since the last newsletter. On October 8th, I had the great privilege to witness a good friend, Mike Louis, MO AFL-CIO President, receive the World Peace Prize - for Labor Leadership as a Roving Ambassador presented by Fr. Sean McManus, Irish National Caucus President.

The Peace Prize encourages members of the Labor Movement to positively think of themselves as not just fighters for justice but also as peace builders to all.

On November 4th, SMART General President Joe Sellers, and SMART-TD President Jeremy Ferguson held a Town hall Meeting at the Sheet Metal Hall Local 2 in Kansas City, Mo. Sellers and Ferguson were emphatic that we must come together, give all we have in us to make things happen through educating ourselves with the same message, get active and become participants to help the ALL instead of the ME on current issues like the “two person crew”.

I was a privilege to represent our Auxiliary. With the help of Local #1409, Kansas City, KS, who is paying the first year membership into the Auxiliary for the spouse of their newly retired members, the Auxiliary was promoted and we have already received two applications from active members’ spouses and look forward to welcoming more new members.

I urge you to embrace and advance our labor efforts with one voice by promoting the Auxiliary through our fraternal family as we move together to help our union family.

Until we meet again remember this thought from President Harry Truman:

“It’s amazing what you can accomplish, if you don’t care who gets the credit!”
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Mattie and some of the members from Lodge 281 help with the Solidarity Rally in Houston on September 24th. They had a great turnout of SMART TD members and their families as well as lots of food, vendors and speakers including SMART TD President Jeremy Ferguson and several SMART TD Officers. Here are some pictures from the Rally.
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ALTERNATE VICE PRESIDENT DISTRICT 8
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DISTRICT 8 STATES: Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

Dawn Voelker recently accepted the appointment to Alternate Vice President due to a vacancy in that position. Dawn Voelker lives in Spokane Valley, Washington and is a charter member of the NW Thunderbolts, Lodge 426. She has been married to her husband Dave for 31 years, who has worked for the railroad for 40 years. She has been blessed with one daughter and two granddaughters. In her free time she enjoys quilting and genealogy.
“Rossi Vucinovich did a great job representing my interests in Federal District Court Tacoma. Their thorough preparation, trial strategy, and superb courtroom skills resulted in a jury award of $1.25 Million – one of the largest whistleblower awards on record.”

Mike Elliott, Railroad Whistleblower

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The United States Supreme Court has cautioned railroad workers that: "Injured workers or their families often fall prey on one hand to persuasive claims adjusters eager to gain a quick and cheap settlement for their railroad employers, or on the other to lawyers either not competent to try these lawsuits against the able railroad counsel or too willing to settle a case for a quick dollar."

"Laymen cannot be expected to know how to protect their rights when dealing with practiced and carefully counseled adversaries."

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen v. Virginia, 84 S. Ct. 1113 (1964)
$560 was raised and UTUIA will be matching that, bringing the total donation to $1120

GOT NEWS?

Do you have some exciting news that you’d like to share with other Auxiliary members and lodges?

This is an excellent way to share activities, thoughts and information with each other.

Please send pics and articles to auxiliary_td@smart-union.org
There are three open positions on the Scholarship Fund Board in April 2020. It is for a three-year term. The elected members are responsible for volunteering time and services to ensure that annual scholarships are awarded. The positions are not salaried; however, officers’ expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with Board policy.

The Scholarship Fund Board requirements are:

- Member must be available to attend the annual April board meeting in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Member must be available for necessary conference calls, special meetings & e-mail votes.
- Member must be willing to perform the duties of their office in a timely, efficient manner.

Each member of the board holds an office with assigned responsibilities throughout the year. Knowledge and skills in the use of computer, keyboard, and interact are highly recommended.

**SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURES AVAILABLE**

Please help us get the word out to our Auxiliary members by sending 2020 scholarship brochure with the member’s dues request or receipt. Brochures are always available upon request from Grand Lodge.

**PLEASE NOTE: Reminder to Auxiliary Sponsor Members**

Membership must be retained throughout the duration of the scholarship award.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The Scholarship Fund application is included in this newsletter. These applications will be accepted as original. Applications must be filled out and postmarked on or before March 31, 2020 to be eligible. Auxiliary Members may continue to request additional Scholarship applications for 2020-2021 school years from the Scholarship Fund Board Secretary.

Applications will be accepted from January 1st thru March 31st, 2020. The scholarship drawing will be at the Annual 2020 Scholarship Fund Board meeting.

**For applications contact:** Geralyn Gardner

utuauxscholarsec@gmail.com

We have received many thank you letters from our students. Here is just a part of a couple of their letters.

Receiving scholarships such as the one you have provided allowed me to put all my effort into my studies ~Victoria Collins

Thank you so much for your generous financial support toward my college expenses. ~Cassidy Swain

**DONATIONS**

Our Sincere Thanks to all Lodges and individuals for their continued generous support to the Scholarship Fund!

**Donations are appreciated and should be made payable to:**

Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund

Mail to:

Rebecca Allgyre
Scholarship Fund Board Treasurer
12503 E.CO Rd 6
Attica, Ohio 44807-9435

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 2004, the Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund was created as a non-profit, charitable organization. The Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund program allows a portion of the funds to be preserved for the future education of families of Auxiliary members. To date, 560 scholarships have been distributed for a total of $560,000. The Scholarship Fund Board awards a minimum of eight (8) new four-year scholarships of $1,000 each school year.

Scholarship Eligibility: Scholarships are awarded to applicants drawn from a pool that includes children, stepchildren, grand-children and step grand-children of living Auxiliary members. When applying for a scholarship, the Auxiliary member must be a current dues paying member for at least one year as of March 31 in the year of the scholarship application. For more information, please contact: UTUAuxScholarship@gmail.com or visit the SMART TD Auxiliary website www.smarttdauxiliary.org.
AUXILIARY of the UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION
2020 SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

For acceptance of application ALL requested information must be provided

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of Auxiliary MEMBER ______________________________ Lodge No. __________

Street Address __________________________ City, State and Zip Code________________________

Phone Number __________________________ E-mail __________________________________________

Applicant Is: [ ] Child [ ] Stepchild [ ] Grandchild [ ] Step-Grandchild (place checkmark in square)

Name of Student’s PARENTS _____________________________________________________________

Complete Address of Parents __________________________________________________________________

Parent’s Phone Number __________________________ E-mail _____________________________________

Name of STUDENT __________________________ Date of Birth ________________ M/F

(Have you ever applied under a different name? If so, list above.) (circle one)

Complete Address of Student __________________________________________________________________

Phone Number __________________________ E-mail __________________________________________

Summer Contact Information: Phone Number____________________________________________________

(if phone number the same, indicate same)

Summer Email:____________________________________________________________________________

(if email same, indicate same)

Name and COMPLETE ADDRESS of accredited degree program student plans to attend in 2020-2021:

College Name __________________________________________________________________________

Financial Aid Office Address________________________________________________________________

Financial Aid Phone #_______________________________________________________________________

Major Course of Study ___________________________________________ Degree Program ( ) yr

College Year in 2020-2021 [ ] 1st year [ ] 2nd year [ ] 3rd year [ ] 4th year [ ] Graduate __________

(please checkmark which grade)

Send Completed Application to:

Auxiliary of the UTU Scholarship Fund
Geralyn Gardner, Secretary
5485 Edmonds Road
Bellevue, OH 44811

Signature of Auxiliary Member

Signature of Student

*THIS APPLICATION IS NULL AND VOID
IF GRAND LODGE’S ASSESSMENTS AND DUES ARE UNPAID.

SIGNED APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED BY MARCH 31, 2020

After the drawing, only the Scholarship winners will be notified.

“Note: In event no funding is available, the Scholarship may be discontinued at any time.”