

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

LOCAL UNION NO. 234

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Dear Applicant,

Local 234 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), located in Castroville, represents approximately 400 highly skilled workers in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito County. Our men and women members perform at the highest levels as Electricians in the construction industry and other fields related to electrical work. The IBEW was originally founded in 1891.

IBEW 234 is offering **three (3) \$500** scholarships to high school graduates – one each in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito County, who will graduate during the current school year and who meet all qualifying criteria.

To apply, a student must have at least one present or past union member, **of any affiliation**, in his or her immediate family and type an essay of approximately **500 words** on **one** of the following topics:

- What is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and what has it done to enhance organized labor?
- Why is the organized labor movement important in the United States today?
- How has the union movement played a key role in the life and well-being of my family member who **is or was** in a union?
- What is the Employee Free Choice Act and how will it benefit organized labor?

Essays must be typed and mailed with a completed Application Form to:

Andy Hartmann
IBEW 234 Scholarship Essay Contest
10300 Merritt Street
Castroville, CA 95012

Entries must be **received by Friday, March 5, 2010**. IBEW Local 234 will judge essays for content, clarity, and originality. Proof that application requirements are fulfilled, including graduation, will be required, as will proof that the winner enrolls in a university, college, junior college or other institution of higher learning in the summer or fall of **2010**. No essays will be returned. IBEW 234 is not responsible for any entries that are not received or are damaged before being received.

Additional information is available by calling Andy Hartmann, President of IBEW 234, at (831) 594-7471.

Sincerely,

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Ken Scherpinski
Business Manager/Financial Secretary



IBEW 234 Scholarship Essay Contest Application Form

Student Information

Date:	
Student's Name:	
Home Address:	
Phone Number:	
Birthdate:	
e-mail:	

High School Information

High School Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
County of High School:	<input type="checkbox"/> Monterey <input type="checkbox"/> San Benito <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Cruz
H.S. Graduation Date:	

Union Affiliation Information

Family Member in Union:	
Relation to Yourself:	
Union Name/Local No.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of union affiliation.

College Information

College Attending:	
College Address:	
Financial Aid Contact:	
Phone Number:	
Student No./I.D.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of college acceptance and/or enrollment.

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