Plumbers Local Union No. 519 Sam Bloom Scholarship Fund

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Date: July 22, 2019

To: Eligible Participants From: Board of Trustees

Re: Plumbers Local Union No. 519 Sam Bloom Scholarship Fund

THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DUE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Plumbers Local Union No. 519 Sam Bloom Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce the continuation of the Scholarship Program for the school year commencing Fall 2019. **Please read this notice in its entirety, as it contains important and updated scholarship application information.**

Scholarships will be available to children of eligible employees who are enrolling in a college or university for the 2019/2020 school year. Approved applicants will be eligible to receive the scholarship for a maximum of ten (10) semesters for undergraduate and four (4) semesters for postgraduate. Scholarships are available to students for up to six (6) years after High School graduation. Students must apply for the scholarship each year.

The Trustees have made available a total of \$50,000 in scholarship monies, which will be divided among children of eligible employees, provided that no single scholarship is in excess of \$4,000. Students may be eligible to receive the full scholarship award, or a partial scholarship award, depending on their Grade Point Average (GPA). Each semester, the Fund Office will conduct a review of the student's GPA for the prior semester in order to determine the value of their next scholarship award.

Students will receive the full scholarship award if they earn a GPA of 3.0 or above in the semester. Students that earn a GPA of 2.5-3.0 will be entitled to a partial scholarship award, equal to 87.5% of the full scholarship award amount. Students that earn a GPA of 2.0-2.5 will be entitled to partial award, equal to 75% of the full scholarship award amount. Students that earn less than a 2.0 GPA will not be entitled to a scholarship award for the following semester. Transcripts for the prior semester must be submitted to the Fund Office in order to receive a scholarship disbursement.

In order to apply for a scholarship, you are requested to complete the attached scholarship application form and submit this form along with a transcript including your High School or College GPA for the prior school year. Please note that late applications will result in complete denial or a reduction in the approved benefit amount.

Even if all documents such as class schedule, GPA or receipts are not available, please be sure to submit the application by September 9, 2019. Also, you may submit your application and supporting documents via email to 519Scholarship@neba-fl.com.

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If your child is eligible for a scholarship, the scholarship will be payable from the Scholarship Fund directly to the college or university which your child will be attending or in cases where tuition has already been paid for, a reimbursement will be issued. Payments will be divided and paid per semester. Students are <u>required</u> to provide proof that they completed their courses each semester, as well as their GPA in order to receive any future scholarship disbursements.

The Sam Bloom Scholarship Fund provides reimbursement for out of pocket costs for tuition, books and/or a one-time purchase of a computer. In the event that your child's tuition is partially or fully paid by another scholarship program, federal grant, etc., this program will only reimburse you for the outstanding balance due. Scholarships are not renewed automatically from year to year; however, the Trustees intend to continue the Scholarship Program and further announcement and information will be provided to you later regarding the 2020/2021 school year.

Sincerely,

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Chairman of the Board