



# Mike García Scholarship 2022

## Application

### Overview

The Building Skills Partnership (BSP) is a statewide non-profit organization made possible through a collaboration between community members, responsible businesses, Building Owners Managers Association (BOMA) and SEIU-USWW. BSP's mission is to improve the quality of life and advancement of SEIU-USWW building service workers, by providing access to quality educational opportunities.

Mike Garcia strongly believed that higher education and leadership are key to helping enhance and improve the lives of Union members, their families and our communities. Therefore, BSP is proud to announce its Mike Garcia Leadership Scholarship competition for the 2022-2023 academic year. This application is open to members of SEIU-USWW and their children to help offset some of the rising costs of a higher education and to nurture the growth of future leaders.

Mike's commitment to upholding the rights and dignity of immigrant workers has inspired statewide campaigns, helping janitors and their families achieve social and economic justice across California. The son of a Union factory worker, Mike worked as a janitor to support his own college education. Mike shared his vision for the American dream not only through his vital contributions to the fight for workers' rights, but by elevating higher education opportunities for immigrant janitors' children.

### Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a SEIU-USWW member or member's child.
- Must be entering, or continuing their education, at a 2-year community college, 4-year university, or vocational institution in the fall of 2022.
- Use the award for the 2022-2023 Academic year.
- Have a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or higher.

**Additionally, the applicant must turn in the following documents to Building Skills Partnership no later than June 4th, 2022.**

### Required Documents

- ☐ A completed and signed Application Form
- ☐ Official transcripts and/or High School diploma/GED Certificate
- ☐ 1 Letter of Recommendation from a Teacher/Instructor, Coach, Counselor, Supervisor or Community Leader that addresses the leadership traits of the candidate (Letters must not be more than 1-year old)
- ☐ 2 Typed Personal Statements (*See pg3*)
- ☐ Proof of acceptance or matriculation at qualifying educational institution for the 2022-2023 school year
- ☐ Student Aid Report (From FAFSA or CA Dream Act)
- ☐ Resume

**Applications must be submitted, postmarked or e-mailed no later than June 4th, 2022 to:**

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Building Skills Partnership  
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### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check here if you are a member of SEIU-USWW

### Educational Information

School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of current School: \_\_\_\_\_

College attending in Fall 2022 (if different from current school): \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information

☐ Check if this Parent is a member of SEIU-USWW

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 of Social Security: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Worksite/Terminal: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Financial Information— Please indicate amount of expenses you expect to incur in the following categories

Did you fill out a FAFSA/Dream ACT Application: ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Estimated Expenses** (This information can be retrieved from your school's Financial Aid office/website)

Tuition and mandatory fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books and Supplies: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room and Board: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous/Personal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Clothing, Personal Items, Laundry, Toiletries, etc)

Amount you are Contributing at home: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(If Applicable)

Transportation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you be living during the 2022-2023 school year? ☐ At home ☐ on campus ☐ of campus, not at home

Did your parents see a reduction of hours or were laid off due to Covid-19? : ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Estimated Income/Subsidy/Aid

What is your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC): \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships/Grants: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Loans: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Support: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Employment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's 1 Gross Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's 2 Gross Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of people in your household: \_\_\_\_\_ #of people attending college full-time in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Statements (Must be included in application for consideration)

Here you will have the opportunity to give the selection committee a holistic view of your profile as a student and as a member of your community. **Please elaborate on two of the following:**

#### **Essay 1: (1-page minimum, typed, single-spaced)**

Please interview your Union family member about their workplace experiences and challenges as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, elaborating on their thoughts of being classified as frontline workers.

#### **Essay 2: (1-page minimum, typed, single spaced)**

As a child of a Union member or as a Union member, how will you use your education and leadership skills to address the challenges raised in essay 1, specifically the inequalities seen in communities of color regarding Covid-19?

#### **Essay 3: (1-page minimum, typed, single spaced)**

Reflecting on the past two years of the pandemic, how were you, SEIU-USWW member, impacted by the Covid-19 crises and how did that affect your educational circumstances? -- e.g., Job loss, elimination of financial help for school, upheaval and stress at home, etc.



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### Application Submission

**APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 4th, 2022**

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### Application Submission

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide additional information for verification purposes.

Additionally, if I am selected for a scholarship, BSP will request a photo for its use in announcing the winners on its website, Facebook page, or in other online or printed literature. I authorize BSP to use my photo along with a written profile of me in its online or printed materials.

I agree to complete **10 hours of community and leadership development opportunities** with Building Skills Partnership throughout the school year. If you attend a campus outside of the region and/or state, accommodations will be made for you to complete the hours of community development opportunities elsewhere. **Failure to complete these hours will disqualify you from applying in subsequent years.**

**Please select the BSP events where you would like to fulfill your community and leadership development hours:** (*check boxes to the right*)

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| <b>ESL Class (3hrs)</b><br>(10am-1pm/Weekdays)         | <b>Computer Class (3hrs)</b><br>(10am-1pm/Weekdays)    | <b>Parent University (2hrs)</b><br>(Sat 11-1pm/Summer & Fall)    |  |
| <b>Health Fair (4hrs)</b><br>(10-2pm/Summer & Winter)  | <b>Data Tracking (3hrs)</b><br>(M-F, 9-5pm/Year round) | <b>CHISPA Science Workshop (2hrs)</b><br>(Sat 11-1pm/Year round) |  |
| <b>Phone Banking (2hrs)</b><br>(M-F, 9-5pm/Year round) | <b>SEIU Toy Drive (5hrs)</b><br>(Sat 10-3pm/December)  | <b>Campus Visit (8hrs)</b><br>(Sat 9am-5pm/ Summer & Fall)       |  |

*Volunteer placement will be at a "first come, first serve" basis and is subject to space availability*

As a Mike Garcia Scholar I also agree to commit to attend award ceremonies and fundraising events with my parents and family when available.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you have any questions about the application or need assistance with filling it out, please contact Zazil Rojas using the contact information above.**