THE ASSOCIATION OF BI-STATE MOTOR CARRIERS
263-D Distribution Street, Newark, NJ 07114

The Samuel L. Cunninghame Memorial Scholarship 2026

APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA
The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers established the **Samuel L. Cunninghame Memorial Scholarship Fund** to assist the children of employees and independent owner/operator contractors who serve Association member companies and are pursuing a college education at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university or at an accredited vocational/technical institution.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee based on a combination of criteria, including academic potential, community service, and financial need, without reference to race, creed, gender, disability, religion or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must be *dependent children (age 23 and under) of full-time employees or independent owner/operator contractors who serve an Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers member-in-good-standing. A minimum GPA of 2.5 at the time of application is required. The member company must have a minimum of six months membership with Association by the application deadline. *Normally, the signature of principal in the Member Company (e.g. President, CEO, COO, CFO) must accompany all applications. The Association reserves the right to request employment or affiliation verification for the employee or independent contractor sponsoring the applicant. **Dependent children are natural and legally adopted children or stepchildren living in the sponsoring employee or independent contractor's household or primarily supported by the sponsor.*

AWARDS
At least one scholarship in the amount of $1,500 will be awarded; multiple winners may be chosen at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Awards are for undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university or at an accredited vocational/technical institution only. This award is open to all Incoming Freshmen, as well as current undergraduate students who will be enrolled full-time for the 2026-2027 academic year. *Previous Cunninghame Scholarship winners are not eligible.* All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

APPLICATION
All required application materials must be received no later than April 15, 2026. Please complete all sections of the Sam Cunninghame Memorial Scholarship Fund Application and submit it as follows:

- **VIA MAIL** to Executive Director Dick Jones, 263-D Distribution Street, Newark, NJ 07114
- **VIA EMAIL** PDF Scans via email will be accepted at info@thebistate.com, and must be received on or before April 15, 2026.

***TRANSCRIPTS MAY BE EMAILED DIRECTLY TO THE BI-STATE.** Recipients will be notified by the 1st week of May. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by the Scholarship Committee and Bi-State staff. Submitting an application for this award includes consent for the recipient's photo and name to be used by the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers for promotional purposes. Note: essay responses must be written by the applicant without the assistance of AI tools such as ChatGPT or Grok. All essay submissions will be checked through AI filters to ensure compliance.

SELECTION PROCESS

The final selection of recipients is made by the Scholarship Committee, and all decisions are final. The committee will evaluate all applications on the basis of past educational performance and future potential, work experience, character, statement of career and educational aspirations and goals, leadership and participation in school and community activities. Unusual circumstances and financial need will be given careful consideration--please specify any special financial circumstances on a separate piece of paper. **All personal financial information will be kept confidential.**

PAYMENT OF AWARD

The award check will be given directly to the recipient. A ceremonial award presentation will take place after the recipient has been chosen and notified. Funds will be awarded to the scholarship recipient(s) upon proof of enrollment. Failure to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college or university or at an accredited vocational/technical institution within 120 days of receiving the award will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS/AUTHENTIFICATION **Please do not send jpg files*

All submissions must include the following:

* Completed Scholarship Application Form with all necessary signatures
* A copy of your current High School or College Transcript
* Essay response (200-250 words) NO AI SUBMISSIONS!
* CONTACT INFORMATION for an Association Member company executive

Mail all required documents to: Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers, 263-D Distribution Street, Newark, NJ 07114 ATTN: Scholarship. **ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2026. Applications are also accepted by EMAIL** at info@thebistate.com.

QUESTIONS? Contact us at info@thebistate.com