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### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LABORERS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION TO AWARD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Pleasanton, California (March 4, 2011)** – The Northern California Laborers Scholarship Foundation will be awarding up to 50 college scholarships of \$3,000 to deserving sons and daughters of its affiliated Local Union members.

Applications must be received by 5 pm, Friday, April 1, 2011. The application and contest rules can be accessed via our website: [www.ncdc-laborers.org/scholarship.html](http://www.ncdc-laborers.org/scholarship.html).

Oscar De La Torre, Northern California District Council of Laborers' Business Manager, stated, "In my many years of service to the Laborers' Union, I don't know of any other trade union that gives as many college scholarships as the Northern California Laborers. This scholarship money can make a real difference to children who might otherwise not be able to afford college."

The Northern California Scholarship Foundation was formed in 1991. Since that time, the Foundation has issued more than \$1,438,700 in scholarships to 620 students. Students have attended colleges throughout California, such as U.C. Berkeley, UCLA, University of the Pacific and as far away as the University of Massachusetts.

The scholarship money is raised each year from a series of scholarship golf tournaments, industry donations and Local Union affiliate support. De La Torre noted, "During these challenging economic times, it is more important than ever that industry and labor work together as a team. The scholarships we provide are evidence that we can all work together for the common good of helping children obtain a quality education. "

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With over 35,000 Laborer members and 1,700 signatory employers strong, the Northern California District Council of Laborers, is on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of workers and employers who are proud to build Northern California.