

# *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*

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The Electrician's Union for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz County

## **Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest**

Christopher Ray Burditt, 40, of Salinas passed away December 31st, 2015. He was born March 28th, 1975, in Salinas. Christopher worked for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 234 as a Business Representative. He was a member of the Native Sons of California, Salinas Bowmen, Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, Police Activities League, and National Field Archery Association. Christopher Graduated North Monterey County High School in 1993 and received a B.S. Degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in Forestry and Natural Resources with a concentration in Wildlife Biology in 1999.

IBEW Local 234, located in Castroville, represents approximately 600 highly skilled electrical workers. IBEW Local 234 provides Electrical Contractors working throughout Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz County with skilled, knowledgeable Electricians and Apprentices. Our objective is to help our contractors and our members prosper by providing the most productive, quality-minded, and safest workforce available for the customer. The IBEW was originally founded in 1891.

IBEW Local 234, in partnership with the Burditt Family, is offering **three (3) \$1,500** 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 submit the Application Form as well as a typed 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?

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

**Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest**  
**C/O IBEW Local 234**  
**747 El Camino Real N.**  
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Entries must be **received by May 22, 2026**. 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 **2026**. No essays will be returned. IBEW Local 234 is not responsible for any entries that are not received or are damaged before being received.

Additional information is available by calling 831-633-2311



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# 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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