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S. FRANK “BUD” RAFTERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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The selected topic for 2021 is as follows:

**Being prepared for labor demands relating to infrastructure improvements**

Infrastructure spending has been a major topic of discussion in our country over the past four years, however, we’ve yet to see progressive action from the government to begin repair of our increasingly failing infrastructure. The global impact of the Coronavirus pandemic has only magnified existing infrastructure needs, such as improvements to our drinking water, healthcare, highway, and bridge systems.

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) performs the work needed to complete projects related to these infrastructure improvements. When the government begins allocating resources towards infrastructure projects, it is imperative that the IUPAT be prepared to meet demand and protect its workers. How can our union ensure that we can satisfy the potential manpower demand needed for these projects? Also, explain how Project Labor Agreements will be vital, specifically for these types of projects.

The scholarship awards are contingent upon the student attending a certified college, university, vocational tech./trade school or other such institute of higher learning. Award winners must enroll in the school of their choice within a year of the award date or forfeit the award.

Details and an application form are carried in a fall issue of the “Painters and Allied Trades Journal.” The deadline for essays to reach the International Union Headquarters is January 31, 2021. Winners will be announced in April 2021.

**PLEASE NOTE: PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS OF THIS AWARD OR THE MONROE/WILLIAMS SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. DEPENDENTS OF IUPAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF, GENERAL OFFICERS, OR FUND ADMINISTRATORS AND EMPLOYEES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**