



# TWU Local 556

## The Union of Southwest Airlines Flight Attendants

### THE TWU LOCAL 556 PAUL GAYNOR SCHOLARSHIP

Brother Gaynor served as International Representative for TWU Local 556 from our charter in 1981 until his retirement in 1994. During that time, he worked closely with six Executive Boards, providing support and counsel on a day-to-day basis. He helped to negotiate every Contract in our history prior to his retirement.

Education was one of Brother Gaynor's primary concerns. It is also a priority of the Executive Board. Considering the unique challenges we at Local 556 face, it is absolutely essential that we assist in the continuing education of our Members in the process of Labor Relations. The best safeguard we can provide for our future is the ability to make informed decisions. Informed choices require education. On May 20, 1998, the TWU Local 556 Executive Board, working in partnership with TWU International, established the Transport Workers Union Local 556 - Paul Gaynor Scholarship.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Supports extended studies of the Labor Movement by **TWU Local 556 Members**.
- One Scholarship per year will be awarded and funds will be paid directly to the college or university after acceptance and registration of the applicant.
- Each Scholarship has a maximum value of \$2,500 per recipient. The Award can be used for tuition, books, room and board needed for pursuing a degree in Labor studies.
- Selection is based on a capacity for Leadership, growth, active involvement, and commitment to the Labor Movement.

The person who meets these criteria will already have demonstrated activism on behalf of the Union and talent for and likelihood for future growth and progression in his/her responsibilities in the organization.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Scholarship application and essays **must be submitted by June 22, 2026**. Applications will be judged and awarded by the TWU Local 556 Scholarship Committee, consisting of the TWU Local 556 President or appointed representative, the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, and one individual from the academic or labor communities. **Awards will be announced by the end of August 2026**. Notice of the winners may be published in Union communications, including social media.

For questions regarding scholarships offered by the TWU Local 556 Scholarship Committee, please email: [scholarships@twu556.org](mailto:scholarships@twu556.org).