



TWU Local 556

The Union of Southwest Airlines Flight Attendants

THE TWU LOCAL 556 CHARLINE JENKINS “CJ” BOSTIC SCHOLARSHIP

The TWU Local 556 Charline Jenkins “CJ” Bostic Scholarship was established to recognize and honor the contributions of TWU Local 556 Member Charline Jenkins “CJ” Bostic. CJ was hired as the first African American Flight Attendant at Southwest Airlines in April of 1972, making her one of the first Members of TWU Local 556 when it was officially chartered in 1981. Throughout the years, CJ’s passion, hospitality, and kindness served as great inspiration to the Members of TWU Local 556. The Charline Jenkins “CJ” Bostic Scholarship was established by TWU Local 556 Executive Board, alongside the Civil and Human Rights Committee, to honor CJ’s legacy. This scholarship will be awarded to a TWU 556 Member or a family member of a TWU Local 556 Member who attends a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Supports TWU Local 556 Members or family members of TWU Local 556 Members (family members include dependent children, grandchildren, committed partners, and spouses).
- Applicant must be a high school senior or current college student.
- 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 \$5,000 per recipient (distributed at \$1,250 per year). The Award can be used for tuition, books, room, and board.
- Selection is based on the applicant’s registration at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).
- Each Scholarship Recipient must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
- For those awarded in previous years, an official transcript **must** be submitted by **June 30** at the end of the current academic year to maintain the award and receive next year’s allocation (required to complete one full year at an HBCU to receive additional disbursements if the recipient transferred to a non HBCU institution.)

Official transcripts should be sent to:

TWU Local 556 Scholarship Committee
8787 N. Stemmons Freeway Suite 600
Dallas, TX 75247

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 TWU Local 556, please email: scholarships@twu556.org.