

# NBFT SPOTLIGHT

# Congratulations



Rhiannon Rennie  
George C. Springer  
Scholarship

Each year, the AFT Connecticut Scholarship Program awards two types of grants that provide funding to eligible members as well as their dependents.

Congratulations to Rhiannon Rennie preschool teacher at Roosevelt Early Learning for being the 2025 George C. Scholarship Award Winner.

[\*\*Click here to watch the interview\*\*](#)



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# NBFT Scholarship

Three \$1,500 scholarships

- **CHESTER YAHN MEMORIAL**
- **SOPHIE BANASIAK MEMORIAL**
- **NINA SALTZMAN MEMORIAL**

**Who is Eligible:** High School Senior students (entering college in the fall) who are children, grandchildren and/or legal dependents of active members of New Britain Federation of Teachers are eligible. High School Senior students (entering college in the fall) of children, grandchildren and/or legal dependents of active, paid members, of New Britain Federation of Retired Teachers are eligible as well.

**Due Date:** Friday, April 24, 2026

**Scholarships will be awarded based on the following:**

1. Eligibility requirement
2. Application is complete
3. High school transcript (copies)
4. Class standing (copies)
5. Written essay
6. Need two letters of recommendation



**Where to send applications:** To Denise Martinchek through interoffice mail, regular mail, or drop them in my drawer in the mail room at NBHS 110 Mill St New Britain, CT 06050.

**Questions:** Please email: [martinchek@csdn.org](mailto:martinchek@csdn.org)

[Click here to get the application from our website](#)

# Scholarships



## **1. AFT Connecticut Scholarships Application Deadline: April 1, 2026**

The AFT Connecticut Scholarship Selection Committee awards two \$2,500.00 scholarships each year:

- The first scholarships is the George C. Springer Scholarship is for AFT Connecticut members
- The AFT Connecticut Scholarship is for members' spouses or domestic partners or children of members.

## **2. AFT Porter Scholars Program - Application Deadline: April 1, 2026**

This program offers four-year, \$8,000.00 post-secondary scholarships to students who are dependents of AFT members, as well as one-time \$1,000.00 grants to AFT members.

**[Click here for more information and how to apply.](#)**



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# Children's Enrichment Fund

- Do you want to support the children of New Britain in times of need?
- Please consider donating as little as the cost of a cup of coffee a week. The children's enrichment fund last year for example helped one of our student's family who lost everything in a house

## Two ways to sign up

### Paper Card

Get a card from your union rep and fill it out. Then interoffice to payroll.

### Electronic signup

- Click on the link below.
- Print the application.
- Fill out the form.
- Scan using copier and email it to yourself.
- Forward scanned PDF attachment from your district email account and email it to [payroll@csdnb.org](mailto:payroll@csdnb.org)

[Click here to sign up to support the Children's Enrichment Fund](#)

# Teaching Channel

Teaching Channel partners with accredited universities to offer graduate-level continuing education that fulfills renewal requirements and salary advancements in most states, including New Britain! Courses are fully online, affordable, and designed for working educators who want to grow professionally while earning the credit they need.

If anyone is interested in learning about the certificate programs or just has questions please contact Basia Maselek. Additionally I have codes for registration where you can receive a \$50 Amazon Gift card.  
[maselek@csdnb.org](mailto:maselek@csdnb.org)



## 2025-2026 NBFT Membership Meetings

- February 10
- March 10
- May 12

\*All membership meetings are on zoom.



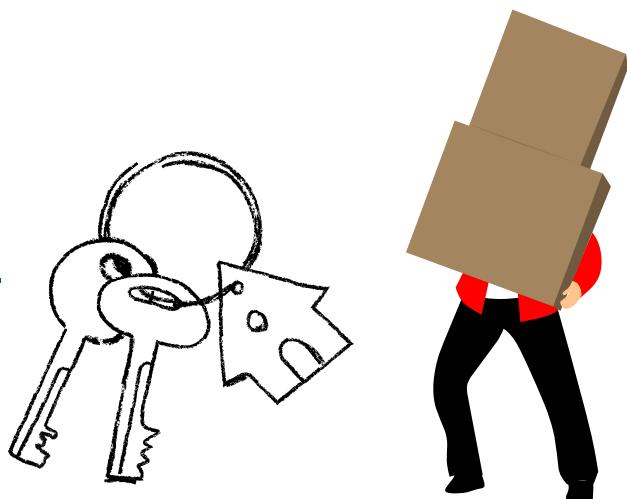
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