

# TRUST FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS'® PENSION BENEFIT FUND

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# <u>ATTENTION</u> <u>"A" MEMBERS, LOCAL UNIONS AND BENEFIT FUND OFFICES</u>

**Please Note:** Effective November 7, 2018, the IBEW Pension Benefit Fund will now accept <u>clear</u>, <u>legible</u> copies of beneficiary designation forms (Form 124), which may be mailed, faxed\*, or emailed\*\* to the IBEW International Office.

(\* \*\*Faxes/emails will only be accepted from local union offices and the stamp/seal **MUST** be visible)

## **Beneficiary Designation Form Guidelines and Instructions:**

#### IT IS THE <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> OF THE "A" MEMBER TO DESIGNATE AND/OR MAKE CHANGES TO HIS/HER BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS DUE TO LIFE EVENTS (e.g. marriage, divorce, death of a beneficiary, etc.)

## 1). PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE <u>COMPLETING</u> A FORM.

Article XI of the *IBEW Constitution* states that the death benefit is automatically payable to the following individual(s) <u>if no other beneficiary is designated</u>.

- Member's spouse, or if none;
- Member's children in equal shares, or if none;
- Member's parents in equal shares, or if none;
- Member's estate

If the above order of priority is satisfactory to the member, it is not necessary to complete a beneficiary designation form; however, if a member wishes to specifically name a beneficiary or change the beneficiary previously elected, he/she must complete a new beneficiary designation form. It is preferred that the form be completed online and printed for the member's and notary/local union signature. However, if member is unable to complete the form online, he/she must use ink and print legibly. <u>If the form submitted is not legible, it will not be accepted.</u>

#### 2). PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING BEFORE <u>SUBMITTING</u> THE FORM:

- Member must have at least 6 months or more "A" membership to qualify for a death benefit.
- Member must name at least one primary beneficiary before selecting any contingent beneficiaries.
- Each form must be signed and dated by the member <u>only</u>, even in cases of those appointed Power of Attorney (POA), or Guardian/Conservator.
- A local union official or notary **MUST WITNESS** the signature of member, sign, date, and stamp/seal designated space.

# 3). PLEASE FORWARD <u>COMPLETED</u> FORMS TO:

IBEW PBF	Email: <u>Pension@IBEW.org</u>	Fax: (202)728-6138
900 7 <sup>th</sup> Street NW		
Washington, DC 20001		

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A confirmation letter indicating the beneficiary designation(s) will be mailed to the member's home address once the form has been processed.