



PENNSYLVANIA AFL-CIO

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January 16, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO is pleased to announce its **2020 Scholarship Essay Contest**. We thank affiliate unions that have contributed to the Scholarship Essay Contests, in the past. **Now we are writing to request your financial support and your help in promoting the 2020 Essay Contest.**

The Essay Contest provides an opportunity for high school and post-secondary students to learn about the Labor Movement's important contributions to the social, economic, and political development of our county. It also reminds students – the next generation of workers – about the importance of protecting the Labor Movement's gains, for their own wellbeing in current and future workplaces.

Awards are offered to students in two categories: Graduating High School Seniors (class of 2020) and All Post-Secondary Students. The award amounts are: First Place - \$2,000, Second Place - \$1,500, Third Place - \$1,000.

The essay topics for each category are as follows:

Category I – Graduating High School Seniors:

What value do you see in bringing organized labor and unions into an industry which has traditionally been viewed as non-union, e.g. computer science?

Category II – Students Attending an Accredited, Post-Secondary Institution:

In today's new economy, compare and contrast the value of a traditional college education and an apprenticeship program, to include an assessment of how you believe both will stand up in the job market.

If you post this information on your website, please note that the scholarships are only awarded to Pennsylvania AFL-CIO affiliated union members and their families. All submissions must be postmarked by February 29, 2020. Essays will be judged in March, and awards will be made in April 2020.

Enclosed you will find a Scholarship Application form for distribution to your members. You may make copies of this form. Additional forms can also be downloaded from our website: www.paafcio.org.

If your union affiliate can contribute to the awards, please make your check payable to the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO and mail it to: PA AFL-CIO, Attention: Frank Snyder, Secretary-Treasurer, 600 North Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17101.

Thank you for your support of the Scholarship Essay Contest, whether it be monetarily or by helping to publicize it, or both.

In Solidarity,

RICHARD W. BLOOMINGDALE, President
FRANK SNYDER, Secretary-Treasurer



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2019 CONTEST WINNERS

CATEGORY I GRADUATING SENIORS

1st Place
CLAIRE GREEN
UAW Local 3303

2nd Place
CHRISTOPHER WALSH
IBEW Local 712

3rd Place
JORDAN LYDON
IAFF Local 1038

"Unions have fought for the best values in our society, and they did so for all workers - not just for union members."

- Claire Green

CATEGORY II POST-SECONDARY

1st Place
EMILY MILLER
IBEW Local 126

2nd Place
EMILY HUGHES
IAFF Local 293

3rd Place
MARY E. GEROMINES
IUPAT DC 57

"Unions rose up in order to advocate for the rights of workers and we can hope that same spirit will help them persevere through any future decisions that may adversely affect their ability to represent the worker."

- Emily Miller

2019 SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

- IBB Local 13
- IUBAC Local 9
- BUTLER CLC
- BCTGM Local 464
- IBEW Local 459
- IBEW Local 743
- IBEW Local 827
- IBEW Local 2154
- IUOE Local 66
- MONTGOMERY CLC
- PENNSYLVANIA JOINT BOARD
- PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
- READING-BERKS CLC
- TEAMSTERS LOCAL 205
- UA Local 524
- UA Local 520
- USW Local 10-1
- USW 10-1303
- USW Local 14693
- USW Local 1688

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- George Piasecki, III
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2020 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST



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HOME PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

UNION AFFILIATION & LOCAL

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (if known)

Please state the name and address of the school and/or program you currently attend.

I agree to provide proof of school acceptance or enrollment, should I become a scholarship recipient.

Signature of Central Labor Council or Local Union President

2020 ESSAY QUESTIONS

CATEGORY I

Graduating High School Seniors

What value do you see in bringing organized labor and unions into an industry which has traditionally been viewed as non-union, e.g. computer science?

CATEGORY II

All Post-Secondary Students

In today's new economy, compare and contrast the value of a traditional college education and an apprenticeship program, to include an assessment of how you believe both will stand up in the job market.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

FIRST PLACE

\$2,000

SECOND PLACE

\$1,000

THIRD PLACE

\$500

*Awards are the same for each category.

For more information, contact the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO at 717-238-9351 or 1-800-242-3770.

WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST?

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Scholarship Essay Contest is a chance for students to learn more about the importance of Organized Labor in America. For over a decade, we have awarded thousands of dollars to students furthering their education.

Scholarships are available exclusively to Pennsylvania AFL-CIO affiliated union members and their families.

Scholarships are offered to students in two categories: graduating high school seniors (Class of 2020), and all post-secondary students.

HOW TO APPLY

- Essays must be a minimum of 1,500 words on the topic in your respective category. Essays less than 1,500 words will be disqualified.
- Essays must be typed and neatly prepared.
- Titles must be kept as they are on the brochure.
- Entries must be formatted as a PDF file and emailed to president@paafcio.org.
- Your application form must be included in essay PDF file, or attached to your email as a separate PDF.
- **Entries must be emailed by February 29, 2020.**
- A PDF version of this brochure is available online at paafcio.org.