



# Northwestern Pennsylvania Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

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January 13, 2021

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

The NWPA ALF is proud to offer 3-\$500.00 Scholarships and is working diligently to get them perpetually funded. This will only happen with your help. Eligibility requires the Scholarship Applicants to be members, dependents, or grandchildren of members of our affiliated Local Unions in good standing:

- The NWPA ALF Scholarship is for a Graduating High School Senior continuing their education.
- The David A Bielski Educational Scholarship is for a Post-secondary student continuing their education past the first year of continued education before their 1<sup>st</sup> degree.
- The Dr. David Ferster Educational Scholarship is now for a Graduate Student any who has received a degree and is now working towards another degree.

**The NWPA ALF is asking our affiliates and friends to become sponsors of our scholarships.** We hope you agree with us that it is important that we continue offering these scholarships to our members and dependents and grandchildren. We have suggested recommended levels of sponsorship: **\$200.00 Gold Sponsor, \$150.00 Silver Sponsor, and \$100.00 Bronze Sponsor, but any amount would be gratefully appreciated.** Anyone donating this year will be placed on the back of the brochure for the year 2022-2023.

*Included with this correspondence is a copy of the NWPA ALF Scholarship Brochure and brochures of the scholarships available from 3 Central Labor Councils (CLCs) within our jurisdiction. The eligibility requirements for each of them are different, please read them carefully. We are including them as a service to you, your members, and the CLCs. Make copies and share them. If you need an electronic version contact us.*

Thank you in advance for your sponsorship.

In Solidarity,  
Rosann Barker, Director  
814-360-8336 [nwpaalf@gmail.com](mailto:nwpaalf@gmail.com)

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## NWPA ALF Scholarship Sponsorship

The \_\_\_\_\_ agrees scholarship  
(Name of Union/Organization)  
opportunities for our members, dependents, and grandchildren are important to preserve. With our support of \$\_\_\_\_\_, we assist you in your efforts to continue offering these scholarships.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Name

*Please make checks payable to NWPA ALF Education Fund and mail to 1276 Liberty St. Ste. 2, Franklin, PA 16323.*



# 2021-2022 Scholarships Essay Contest



**NWPA ALF Scholarship  
(2021 Graduating  
High School Senior)**

**David A Bielski Scholarship  
(Post secondary student )**

**Dr. David Ferster Scholarship  
(Graduate Student)**

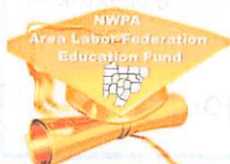
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requirements inside**

## 2021-2022 Scholarship Sponsors

Butler County CLC
IAM 2448
IBEW 272
IBEW 712
Insulators Local 2
IUOE 66
IUOE 95
USW 10-0607
Venango-Clarion CLC

## 2021-2022 Scholarship Judges

Andrew Harkulich	Laurie Fisher
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Dave Conklin	Mike Kalpich
David Foor	Pattie DeMichele
Frank Telesz	Phil Lasky
James Cassidy	Rich Barrett
James Kunz	Rick Galiano
Jeff Hapke	Ron Buechel
Jim Nuber	Shane Clark
Jim Saeler	Susan Lemmo
Ken Vybiral	T J Sandell



For more information  
call 814-360-8336.

**Please PRINT legibly:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Name of the School that you will attend \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number for student \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of school you are currently attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Union Affiliation /union name and Local # \_\_\_\_\_ union member \_\_\_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_ phone number for the union member \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for the following: ☐ **NWPA ALF Scholarship** ☐ **David A. Bielski Educational Scholarship** ☐ **Dr. David Ferster Educational Scholarship**

**Complete:** this application, a 500-word essay in MS Word (on the appropriate question) and mail to NWPA ALF 1276 Liberty St. Ste 2, Franklin, PA 16323 or email copies of both to [nwpaalf@gmail.com](mailto:nwpaalf@gmail.com). **The deadline for the receipt of the essay and application is Friday, May 7th..**



## Essay Contests for 2021-2022 NWPA Area Labor Federation Scholarships

The NWPA ALF offers three (3) different scholarships. The purpose of our Scholarships is to offer an opportunity for a member and/or their dependents and grandchildren of affiliated local unions of the NWPA ALF to earn a scholarship by winning one of the essay contests. Our questions are designed to make the applicants learn more about the labor movement and plan for their place in society after graduation from college.

### What Are The Eligibility Requirements?

All award recipients must be a union member, dependent of a union member or grandchild of a union member in good standing of a local union affiliated and in good standing with the NWPA ALF. Award recipients must be a full-time student furthering education for the 2021-2022 school year.

**NWPA ALF Scholarship** applicants must be a Graduating High School Senior who is a full time student furthering their education.

**David A. Bielski Educational Scholarship** applicants must be a full-time Post-Secondary Student.

**Dr. David Ferster Educational Scholarship** applicants must be a Graduate Student.

## Scholarship Awards

The winners of all three scholarships receive an award of \$500.00.

### How Can You Apply?

To apply, you must complete the application form and write a 500 word essay on the topic specified in the section of this brochure titled "Essay Topics" for the Scholarship you are eligible to receive.

- ◆ **Essays must be typed in MS Word and void of identification.** Your essay must address the question for your scholarship, as it appears in this brochure. (Tip; use the question as your title to keep you focused.)
- ◆ **Email your MS Word file containing your essay** and a scanned in PDF copy your completed application form to [nwpaalf@gmail.com](mailto:nwpaalf@gmail.com) or mail to the address below. Email confirmations will be sent to confirm receipt of your application and essay.
- ◆ Essays and applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** by the deadline of **Friday, May 7th**
- ◆ Presentation will be at our June 2022. Meeting.

### Direct Questions & Send Your Essay To:

*Rosann Barker, Director  
NWPA Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO  
1276 Liberty St. Ste. 2  
Franklin, PA 16323*

Phone: 814-360-8336  
E-mail: [nwpaalf@gmail.com](mailto:nwpaalf@gmail.com)

## Essay Topics

### NWPA ALF Scholarship (Graduating Senior)

**How has COVID impacted your education and plans for the future?**

### David A. Bielski Educational Scholarship (Post Secondary student)

**Do you believe all essential workers should receive "additional pay for additional risks", why or why not?**

### Dr. David Ferster Educational Scholarship (Graduate Student)

**Union Community Service Projects address the needs of others, Describe the benefits of one such project & the lasting impact. Did you or your union participate?**

**Note:** A Post Secondary Student is someone continuing their education past their first year of continued education. (i.e. Sophomore in college until graduation from college with their Bachelors degree)

A Graduate Student is someone continuing their education past their 1st degree (Bachelor's Degree to their Master's Degree).

For the purposes of eligibility, Continued Education includes Colleges, Universities, Apprentice Programs, and Trade Schools as long as they are accredited programs.



Both Scholarships have the same award, eligibility, purpose and length of Essay, please note the topic is different for each scholarship make sure you write your essay on the appropriate topic.

**AWARD - \$1,000.00**

### ELIGIBILITY

**Student who will graduate from high school in 2021.** Award recipient must be accepted or registered as a full-time student in a post-secondary program. The applicant must be a union member, or a dependent child of a union member, or grandchild residing in the home of a union member in good standing of a local union affiliated with the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

### PURPOSE

To foster an understanding of the Labor Movement's vital contributions to this nation's economic, social and political fabric.

### TO ENTER

Submit a 500-word essay on the appropriate topic:

**Beaver-Lawrence CLC Scholarship topic is; WHAT IS THE AFL-CIO AND WHAT DO THEY DO?**

**Donald McNutt Memorial Scholarship topic is; What impact does buying "American-Made Union-Made" products have on our economy?**

Essays must be typewritten (in Blue or Black Ink), double spaced on 8½" x 11" white paper, and void of identification. Please attach this completed scholarship application form to your essay and mail to:

**Beaver-Lawrence CLC Scholarship Trust Fund**  
PO Box A  
Beaver, Pa. 15009

**Submission deadline: Friday, May 21, 2021**  
**Presentation: Winner will be notified by mail.**

**Local Union Official's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle Relationship of Union Member (Grandparent / Father / Mother / or Self)

(Local Union Name & Number)

**Name & phone number of Union Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Union Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post-Secondary Institution** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The Beaver-Lawrence CLC Scholarship "WHAT IS THE AFL-CIO AND WHAT DO THEY DO?"  
☐ Donald McNutt Scholarship "What impact does buying "American-Made Union-Made" products have on our economy?"

I understand as a graduating Senior I can apply for both scholarships. I have checked the scholarships I am applying for:

## BEAVER-LAWRENCE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



We are proud to sponsor (2) two scholarships essay contests for graduating Seniors; **The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Scholarship** and the **Donald McNutt Memorial Scholarship**.

Students can apply for one or both scholarships ...



The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council (CLC) is one of nearly 500 state and local labor councils of the AFL-CIO and are the heart of the labor movement. Our officers and Executive Board are democratically elected. The Delegates and Alternates of our affiliates who serve on our Central Labor Council are dedicated to represent the interests of all working people at the state and local level.

We have 49 affiliated local unions in the Beaver and Lawrence Counties of Pennsylvania. We mobilize our members and community partners to advocate for social and economic justice and we strive daily to vanquish oppression and make our communities better for all people—regardless of race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin.

Our members have not only worked to help the workers in our region with many community projects but have looked toward the future. One way to help improve the lives and opportunities for anyone is through continued education. They began efforts to establish a scholarship fund at our council in early 1980's. We have awarded more than 60 scholarships to-date. We currently offer two scholarships and look forward to reading the essays every year..

We want all the students applying for our scholarships to know how proud we are of them. We congratulate you for demonstrating how determined you are to obtain the necessary funding to further your education. You have shown more initiative than most of your peers, and we wish you well.



## BEAVER- LAWRENCE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Chartered on March 27, 1961, the Labor Council of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, AFL-CIO began serving both its membership and the local community. After nearly 45 years as a stand-alone CLC, the AFL-CIO asked the council to expand their jurisdiction to include Lawrence County. At that time, the council formally changed their name to The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council.

Education was a major concern of leadership of this council and they began by educating their officers, delegates and the affiliated local union members. Always having an eye on the future and realizing our children are our future the leadership here decided to create a scholarship program. The program is used two-fold; the questions chosen are designed to educate the applicants about unions through their research. The scholarship offers additional funding to assist with the continued education of a dependent of an affiliated local union who wins the essay contest. This scholarship is awarded to a senior beginning their journey into the system of higher education.

## DONALD E. MCNUTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Donald E McNutt began his service to his community and nation when he enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. This veteran returned home and his passion to serve continued as he worked far into retirement. Don was a union activist and caring individual. He was a member of the International Association of Machinists Potomac Air Lodge Local 1976 for 35 years. While living in Washington County, he was inducted into the Washington County CLC Labor Hall of Fame for his many years of union service. He later moved to Beaver County.

Don understood the importance of Solidarity and Education. For many years he was on the Executive Board of the Beaver-Lawrence CLC and each month provided information on the "Union Label". Don understood that looking for the union label and the Made-In-USA label was something all members of organized labor should do. He knew this would assure we bought quality products, preserved good paying family sustaining jobs and our economy. He always discussed what union households should or should not buy. Don was also one of the founders of the "The Union Bug", a monthly newsletter that the Beaver-Lawrence CLC published.

Don McNutt was excited when we offered our first scholarship and he was a part of the decision to make sure we developed a two-fold program. In honor of his dedication and service the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council has decided to name this scholarship in his memory. This scholarship is awarded to a senior beginning their journey into the system of higher education.



# Mercer County Central Labor Council

## "Anna J. Rickert 2021 Memorial Scholarship"

The Mercer County Central Labor Council (MCCLC) of PA will provide one \$1,000.00 scholarship each year to a High School Senior planning to extend his or her education at a college, university or accredited secondary school. The applicant must be the child or step child of a Union Member in good standing from one of the Mercer County, PA Central Labor Council's participating Unions. The participating Union must be in good standing with the MCCLC at the time of application.

Those applying for the scholarship must complete the attached application and must comply with the application process. The application process is as follows:

1.) Applicant must fill out the attached application and submit it to the Recording Secretary along with an essay as described below by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

2.) The essay must be based on : **"What do you think a Union should do for its Members?"**. The essay must be typed in black or blue ink and must be double spaced on 8 ½" x 11" white paper. The essay must be at least 500 words in length and should be void of any identification.

3.) Applicant must request the high school guidance counselor send a letter of recommendation to the Recording Secretary of the MCCLC. The letter should include the

applicant's grade point average, extra curricular activities, and any other pertinent information.

4.) Three (3) letters of recommendation from teachers, pastors, coaches, employers, etc. must be received by the Recording Secretary by the application deadline.

5.) All required materials must be received by the Recording Secretary no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year for the applicant to be eligible.

6.) The President of the MCCLC shall appoint a "Committee" of at least three (3) delegates to review all applications and conduct the screening and evaluation. It will be the responsibility of the Committee to select the winner of the Anna J. Rickert Memorial Scholarship. The recipient of the scholarship will be announced at the June meeting.

7.) A scholarship check will be forwarded to the college, university, or accredited secondary school in the name of the recipient. No checks will be given directly to the recipient.

8.) The Mercer County Central Labor Council reserves the right to adjust or to refuse to award the scholarship in any given year. The decision of the Delegates of the MCCLC is final.

9.) The recipient must remain a student in good standing for a period of one (1) year, or the scholarship must be returned to the MCCLC.

## 2021 Anna J. Rickert Memorial Scholarship

sponsored by  
**Mercer County PA  
Central  
Labor Council**



**Mercer County, PA  
Central Labor Council  
Officers:**

**President - Andy Harkulich  
Vice President - Lonnie McFall  
Treasurer- Todd Clary  
Secretary - Bob Rice**



Anna J. Rickert

2021

Memorial Scholarship



The Mercer County Central Labor Council of PA is proud to offer the Anna J. Rickert Memorial Scholarship for the 2021 school year. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial assistance to the sons and daughters of affiliated local union members. Anna Rickert was a strong union member who believed in and gave much of her time and energy to her union and to the union movement in general. She held many positions at her local union and at the Mercer County Central Labor Council. Anna passed away on June 3, 2015 and is greatly missed by all who knew her. One of Anna's goals was to educate our members and the public on the advantages of getting involved in and having a strong union. This scholarship is being offered as a way to honor Anna's strong belief in education. Through this scholarship, Anna's goal to educate will continue.

Send completed applications to:

Secretary Bob Rice  
3950 Ivanhoe Rd  
Sharpsville, PA. 16150  
Ph. (724)-815-7194

## Mercer County Central Labor Council

**"Anna J. Rickert 2021 Memorial Scholarship"**

### APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

School currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Union Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Local Union # \_\_\_\_\_

Union Members Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Union Member \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (union member) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Union Member \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be signed by the President or Secretary of the Local Union verifying that the Union Member is a member in good standing of the Local Union.

UNION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

UNION OFFICER:

Signature and title \_\_\_\_\_



## PURPOSE

To foster an understanding of the Labor movement's vital contributions to this nation's economic, social and political fabric.

## SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Tom Wagner Memorial  
&

Theo Sabin Meyer Memorial:

Students who will graduate from high school! in 2021 Award recipient must be accepted or registered as a full-time student in a post-secondary program . The applicant must be a union member, or a dependent child of a union member, or grandchild residing in the home of a union member in good standing of a local union affiliated with the Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

John "David" Dever  
Memorial Scholarship:

Recipient of this scholarship must be an incoming freshman of undergraduate student in 2021 at Gannon University, who is either a member of or dependent of a member of a union affiliated with the Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. All applicants shall be required to apply for all other forms of financial aid available at Gannon University.

## ESSAY QUESTION

The labor movement in the United States was born in the early 20th century to protect workers from unfair and unsafe working conditions. Please describe the impact of unions and any relevant laws in one of these areas: (choose one)

- Aid to injured workers
- Living wages
- 40-hour work weeks
- Job protection
- Workplace safety
- Health benefits
- Support for retired workers

## APPLICATION PROCESS

To enter please submit a 500-word essay answering the topic above . Essays must be typewritten (in Blue or Black Ink), double spaced on 8 1/2" X 11" white paper, and void of identification. Please attach the completed scholarship application form to your essay and mail to:

Erie-Crawford CLC, AFL-CIO  
32 West 8th St. Suite 604  
Erie, PA 16501

Essays can be emailed (if typed in MS Word) to [eriecrawfordclc@aol.com](mailto:eriecrawfordclc@aol.com) but the original printed essay & application form with signatures must still be mailed for verification of union affiliation.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

PRESENTATION:  
Saturday, May 1, 2021

# Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council AFL-CIO



## Tom Wagner, Theo Sabin Meyer & John "David" Dever Memorial Scholarships Application





**Tom Wagner**  
(1952-2010)  
Memorial Scholarship,  
Award-\$500

Tom Wagner, served as President of Local 101 of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) - which is now part of IAM 1008.

Wagner, shortly after becoming a delegate to the Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council (CLC), demonstrated his willingness to advocate on behalf of all labor by serving as

Erie-Crawford CLC's Corresponding Secretary. Passionate in his support of Community Service,

Wagner served as that committee's Co-Chair. A "red at heart" Wagner's favorite Christmas

Service activities were the annual Christmas Programs for children, which included the

distribution of dozens of wrapped presents. Due to his college study in communications, Wagner

served capably as the writer and publisher of the Erie-Crawford CLC newsletter. His hours of effort

to perfect the publication (including many late nights) were not known beyond a few members

of the CLC. However, his skillful writing attracted the wider community, understand the important

role labor plays in the region. Wagner's death, after a short illness in March 2010, was a sad

loss for the Erie-Crawford CLC and the region.



**Theo Sabin Meyer**  
(1890-1986)  
Memorial Scholarship,  
Award-\$750

Educator Theo Sabin Meyer, after her marriage to Ludwig G. Meyer, left teaching and began organizing. Her success in founding the Erie, PA chapter of the Women's

International League, attracted the attention of leaders in the AFL and the CIO. Meyer was recruited to use her skills to advocate for



**John "David" Dever**  
(1942-1981)  
Memorial Scholarship,  
Award-\$500

In 1960, after graduating from Cathedral Prep, Dever attended Gannon, then joined Foresters Corporation and USWA 3872. Dever's photographic memory, love of debate

and commitment to labor led him to serve as a union steward. Dever served for 12 years as USWA

3872 President before becoming Staff Representative & Organizer. Willing to collaborate with others,

Dever served as delegate to both the Central Labor Union and Industrial Union Council, AFL-CIO, A

member of the United Labor Leaders. Dever served on the executive board of the United Way Labor

Leaders. Aware of labor's growing struggles during the latter part of the 20th century, Dever encouraged community support through public service.

Leading by example, Dever served as a member of the Community Service Committee with both his

local and the council organizations; he worked with the State Police of Erie and Crawford County for 27 years, served as a National Guard Reservist for 14

years and volunteered with the PA Public Interest Coalition. Dever's efforts were both pragmatic and helped to found the Erie Community Credit Union - and symbolic - Dever advocated for a labor monument dedicated in Perry Square. Though his

labor beyond northwestern Pennsylvania, Meyer helped coal miners organize in Alabama, PA, and fought for women's rights. She challenged the practice of sending children to jobs, instead of to school. She was also a spirited and courageous speaker. It is reported that she delivered remarks to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt while he led the United States through the great depression and World War II (1933-45). Meyer's 20th century efforts to champion the rights of workers, women and children inspires social justice reform today.

life was short, Dever "made a difference."

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM LEGIBLY AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR ESSAY**

NAME:		E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
HOME ADDRESS:		PHONE #:	
HIGH SCHOOL NAME:	HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS:		
POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION:			
NAME OF UNION MEMBER:		UNION AFFILIATION: <small>(LOCAL UNION NAME &amp; NUMBER)</small>	
RELATIONSHIP TO UNION MEMBER:			
APPLYING FOR:		LOCAL UNION OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE:	
<input type="checkbox"/> JOHN "DAVID" DEVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP		<input type="checkbox"/> THEO SABIN MEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	
<input type="checkbox"/> TOM WAGNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP			