

PENNSYLVANIA AFL-CIO



2012

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST



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2011 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

CATEGORY I <u>High School Senior</u>	CATEGORY II <u>College Student</u>
\$2,000 - First Award Jath Verard DiCecco Pittsburgh, PA 15243 APWU Local 081	\$2,000 – First Award Alyssa Kate Benamanti Curwensville, PA 16833 UMWA Local 2494
\$1,000 - Second Award William James Beamer Williamsport, PA 17701 IBEW Local 812	\$1,000 – Second Award Matthew Holtz Johnstown, PA 15904 USW Local 2635
\$500 – Third Award Katherine L. Smith Philadelphia, PA 19111 AFT Local 13	\$500 – Third Award Mitchelle Christman Middlebury Center, PA 16935 AFSCME 2129

CATEGORY III Affiliated AFL-CIO Member Continuing Their Education

\$2,000 - First Award Beth B. Cooper West Chester, PA 19382 AFSCME Local 2345
\$1,000 - Second Award Tina M. Davis Cherry Tree, PA 15724 AFSCME 1270
\$500.00 – Third Award (tied) Casey L. Karns Franklin, PA 16323 AFSCME Local 1050
\$500.00 – Third Award (tied) Romona Mercer Philadelphia, PA 19138 Philadelphia Federation of Teachers Local 3

Please complete the application and include it in your application packet.

NAME

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE NUMBER

What is the name and complete address of the school and/or program in which you are currently attending?

Union Affiliation & Local

Central Labor Council (if known)

EMAIL ADDRESS

Signature of the Central Labor Council President or Union Local President

Your complete packet should include this application, references and the 1,500-word essay, (on regular white paper and electronic copies on CD or USB drive).





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The PA 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 offered to students in 3 categories: Graduating High School Seniors (class of 2012), All Post-Secondary Students, and Affiliated Union Members attending an accredited institution.

Please share this brochure with interested students.

NOTE: Scholarships are available exclusively to PA AFL-CIO Affiliated Union Members and their families.

For more information, contact Carl Dillinger, Education Director, at 717-231-2843 or cdillinger@paafclio.org, or visit our website www.paafclio.org.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDS IN THREE CATEGORIES	
\$2,000	FIRST AWARD
\$1,000	SECOND AWARD
\$500	THIRD AWARD

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

All applicants must write a minimum 1,500 word essay on the topic in his or her respective category. (Essays with less than 1,500 words will be disqualified).

- Essays must be typed and neatly prepared.
- All entries must also include an electronic copy (CD or USB drive).
- Application form must be included.
- Entries must be postmarked by January 31, 2012.

Scholarships will be judged in the spring, and winners announced in May, 2012.

WHAT ARE THE ESSAY TOPICS?

CATEGORY I

Graduating High School Seniors

How did Organized Labor build the Middle Class and create family sustaining jobs?

CATEGORY II

All Post-Secondary Students

How do “Right To Work” laws affect workers and the community?

CATEGORY III

Affiliated Union Members Attending an Accredited Institution

How do politics affect union workers?

TO WHOM DO I DIRECT QUESTIONS & SEND MY ESSAY TO?

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Multiple copies of this brochure are available.

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