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 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@paaflcio.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 paaflcio.org.

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.