

# 2024 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.

Over the years, we have awarded tens of 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 2024), and all post-secondary students.

## Essay Contest Categories

Unions have helped people gain economic security through good wages, strong benefits, and fairness in the workplace. The benefits of union membership are particularly important for those working to provide a better life for their families in a post-Covid world.

### Category 1: Graduating High School Seniors

What has COVID revealed about the division of labor in our country and what we constitute as essential workers?

### Category 2: Post-Secondary Students

How would a \$15 minimum wage impact different parts of our economy? You may consider the impact on low-wage workers, on families, on small businesses, on large corporations, and on the government.



## Scholarship Awards

First Place	\$2,000
Second Place	\$1,500
Third Place	\$1,000

## 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 not qualify.
- Titles must include the Category for which you are applying.
- Your application form (located on the back of this flyer) must be included in your essay PDF file, or as a separate PDF attachment.
- Entries must be sent to [percapita@paaficio.org](mailto:percapita@paaficio.org) by March 29, 2024.

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### ***If you have questions:***

***Please contact Monica Virgilio  
at 717-231-2853, or email  
percapita@paaficio.org***

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION BELOW AND  
INCLUDE IT WITH YOUR ESSAY SUBMISSION

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NAME

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ADDRESS

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HOME PHONE NUMBER

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EMAIL ADDRESS

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UNION AFFILIATION & LOCAL

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (if known)

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PLEASE STATE THE NAME & 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.

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