

The Ernie Esposito Scholarship Essay Contest

Rules and Application Form

The Category I applicant must be a graduating high school senior, be enrolled in a full-time degree program or a fully accredited institution.

The applicant's parent, legal guardian or grandparent is a full dues-paying Affiliate Union member of The Greater

Johnstown/Somerset CLC, AFL-CIO or applicant is a student enrolled in one of the High Schools located in Cambria or Somerset Counties.

The Category II applicant at the time the scholarship is awarded, be enrolled in a full-time degree program or a fully accredited institution. The applicant's parent, legal guardian or grandparent must be a full dues-paying Affiliate Union member of The Greater

Johnstown/Somerset CLC, AFL-CIO.

Applicants must submit a 1,000-word essay on the subject assigned to their appropriate category.

The essay must be typed and neatly prepared. The titles must be kept as they appear on this brochure and the application form must be filled out completely.

The Essay and Application form must be mailed with a postmark of no later than April 10, 2026 to be judged.

Mail to: Johnstown/Somerset CLC
326 Beautyline Dr
Salix, PA 15952
Attn.: Scholarship Committee

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

High School Attending _____

Post-Secondary School Attending _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Name of Union Member, Parent, Legal guardian or Grandparent _____

Local Union Name and Number, the above belong' s too. _____

Circle Category Applying to: 1 2

Any questions contact:

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SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY I

Since the early 1990's, The Greater Johnstown-Somerset Central Labor Council has administered an annual essay contest encouraging students to conduct research about the many contributions Organized Labor has made to the American society and current issues that affect all working people. To date, \$164,000.00 has been awarded to 135 individuals.

Scholarships are offered to students in 2 categories:

- Graduating High School Seniors (Class of 2026)
- All Post-Secondary Students.

Essays will be judged in April 2026; the winner and 2 guests will be invited to attend the Workers Memorial Banquet in May 5, 2026.

SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY II

Graduating High School Seniors Class of 2026.

All Post-Secondary Students.

SUBJECT:

Define "protected concerted activity" and explain how it protects Union workers and non-union workers.

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What led to the National Labor Relations Act and how does it impact workers today?

AWARDS*

First Prize - \$ 2000.00

Second Prize - \$1500.00

Third Prize - \$1000.00

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