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## PENNSYLVANIA AFL-CIO

November 17, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO is pleased to announce its **2023 Scholarship Essay Contest**. We thank affiliate unions that have contributed to the award money for the Scholarship Essay Contests, in the past. **Now we are writing to request your financial support and your help in promoting the 2023 Essay Contest.**

The Essay Contest provides an opportunity for high school and post-secondary students to learn about the Labor Movement's important contributions to the social, economic, and political development of our county. It also reminds students – the next generation of workers – about the importance of protecting the Labor Movement's gains, for their own wellbeing in current and future workplaces.

**Awards are offered to students in two categories: Graduating High School Seniors (class of 2020) and All Post-Secondary Students. The award amounts are: First Place - \$2,000, Second Place - \$1,500, Third Place - \$1,000.**

**The essay topics for each category are as follows:**

**Category I – Graduating High School Seniors:**

Please provide a brief history of women in the labor movement and their role in advancing labor rights in PA.

**Category II – Students Attending an Accredited, Post-Secondary Institution:**

For the first time in respective history the P AFL-CIO and National AFL-CIO have elected female presidents. Please provide an analysis of the importance of this and what it means for the labor movement.

**If you post this information on your website, please note that the scholarships are only awarded to Pennsylvania AFL-CIO affiliated union members and their families. All submissions must be postmarked by March 28, 2023. Essays will be judged in April, and awards will be made in May 2023.**

Enclosed you will find a Scholarship Application form for distribution to your members. You may make copies of this form.

If your union affiliate can contribute to the award money, please make your check payable to the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO and mail it to: PA AFL-CIO, Attention: George Piasecki, III, Secretary-Treasurer, 600 North Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17101.

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Thank you for your support of the Scholarship Essay Contest, whether it be monetarily or by helping to publicize it, or both.

In Solidarity,



Angela Ferritto, President



George Piasecki, III, Secretary-Treasurer

# 2023 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.

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## 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 working women who are still embroiled in the fight for equality in the workplace.

### Category 1: Graduating High School Seniors

Please provide a brief history of women in the labor movement and their role in advancing labor rights in Pennsylvania.

### Category 2: Post-Secondary Students

For the first time in their respective history, the PA-AFL CIO and National AFL-CIO have elected female presidents. Please provide an analysis of the importance of this and what it means for the labor movement.

## 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 1500 words will be disqualified.
- Titles must be kept the same as their respective category.
- Your application form must be included in your essay PDF file, or as a separate PDF attachment.
- Entries must be sent to [percapita@paafcio.org](mailto:percapita@paafcio.org) by March 28, 2023.

The PDF version of this flyer is on [www.paafcio.org](http://www.paafcio.org)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS MARCH 28, 2023**

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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 AND INCLUDE IT WITH YOUR ENTRY

NAME

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

UNION AFFILIATION & LOCAL

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (if known)

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.

SIGNATURE OF CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OR LOCAL UNION