

PURPOSE

To promote an understanding of the labor movement vital contributions to this nation's economic, social and political fabric.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Tom Wagner Memorial & Theo Sabin Meyer Memorial:

Students who will graduate from high school in 2024, either accepted, registered or enrolled as a full-time student in a post-secondary program. The applicant must be a union member, dependent of a union member or grandchild residing in the home of a union member in good standing of a local union affiliated with the Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

John "David" Dever Memorial Scholarship:

Students must be either an incoming first-year student or current undergraduate in 2024 at Gannon University and either a member or dependent of a member of a union affiliated with the Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

All applicants shall be required to apply for all other forms of financial aid available at Gannon University.

ESSAY QUESTION

The modern United States Labor movement emerged in 1886 with the foundation of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrialized Organizations in 1955. Joining the AFL-CIO 1965 is one of the many pro-labor groups who protect people from unfair and unsafe working conditions. Please describe the impact of unions and relevant laws in one of the following areas:

40 hour work week	Job Security
Living Wages	Worker Compensation
Workplace Safety	Health Benefits
Support retired workers	

APPLICATION PROCESS

To enter please submit a 500-word essay answering the topic above. Essays should be submitted as a pdf file or word document and void of identification. The subject line of the email must identify which scholarship is related.

For signature verification and union affiliation, please attach the completed scholarship application and send it to: eriecrawfordCLC@gmail.com AND printed documents to

**Erie-Crawford CLC, AFL-CIO
32 West 8th St, Suite 502
Erie, PA 16501**

*If you email your application and essay, you must also mail the documents.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2024**

**PRESENTATION:
WEDNESDAY MAY 22, 2024**

Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council AFL-CIO



Tom Wagner Theo Sabin Meyer & John "David" Dever Memorial Scholarships Application



Tom Wagner (1952-2010)

Memorial Scholarship, Award-\$500

Tom Wagner, served as President of Local 101 of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) – which is now part of IAM 1968.

Wagner, shortly after becoming a delegate to the Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council (CLC), demonstrated his willingness to advocate on behalf of all labor by serving as Erie-Crawford CLC’s Corresponding Secretary. Passionate in his support of Community Service, Wagner served as that committee’s Co-Chair. A “kid at heart” Wagner’s favorite Community Service activities were the annual Christmas Programs for children, which included the distribution of dozens of wrapped presents. Due to his college study in communications, Wagner served capably as the editor and publisher of the Erie-Crawford CLC newsletter. His hours of effort to perfect the publication (including many late nights) were not known beyond a few members of the CLC. However, his skillful writing attracted readership beyond CLC membership and helped the wider community understand the important role labor plays in the region. Wagner’s death, after a short illness in March 2010, was a sad loss for the Erie-Crawford CLC and the region.



Theo Sabin Meyer (1890-1986)
Memorial Scholarship, Award-\$750

Educator Theo Sabin Meyer, after her marriage to Ludwig G. Meyer, left teaching and began organizing. Her success in founding the Erie, PA

chapter of the Women’s International League, attracted the attention of leaders in the AFL and the CIO. Meyer was recruited to use her skills to advocate for labor beyond northwestern Pennsylvania.

Meyer helped coal miners organize in Aliquippa, PA, and fought for women’s rights. She challenged the practice of sending children to jobs, instead of to school. She was also a spirited and courageous-speaker. It is reported that she delivered remarks to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, while he led the United States through the great depression and World War II (1933-45). Meyer’s 20th century efforts to champion the rights of workers, women and children inspires social justice reform today.



John “David” Dever (1942-1981)
Memorial Scholarship, Award-\$500

In 1960, after graduating from Cathedral Prep, Dever attended Gannon, then joined Fenestra Corporation and USWA 3872.

Dever’s photographic memory, love of debate and commitment to labor led him to serve as a union steward. Dever served for 12 years as USWA 3872 President before becoming Staff Representative- & Organizer. Willing to collaborate with others, Dever served as delegate to both the Central Labor Union and Industrial Union Council, AFL-CIO. A member of the United Labor Leaders, Dever served on the executive board of the United Way Labor Leaders. Aware of labor’s growing struggles during the latter part of the 20th century, Dever encourage- aged community support through public service.

Leading by example, Dever served as a member of the Community Service Committee with both his local and the council organizations; he worked with the State Police of Erie and Crawford County for 27 years, served as a National Guard Reservist for 14 years and volunteered with the PA Public Interest Coalition. Dever’s efforts were both pragmatic he helped to found the Erie Community Credit Union - and symbolic - Dever advocated for a labor monument- Because he died at 39, Dever never saw the monument dedicated in Perry Square. Though his life was short, Dever “made a difference.”

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NAME OF UNION MEMBER:	<input type="checkbox"/> JOHN “DAVID” DEVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> THEO SABIN MEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> TOM WAGNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	
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