

## 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 8, 2025 to be judged.**

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



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Name of Union Member; Parent, Legal guardian or Grandparent

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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, \$153,500.00 has been awarded to 126 individuals.

Graduating High School Seniors Class of 2025.

SUBJECT SAFETY:

Explain the importance of a Union led safety committee.

AWARDS\*

First Prize - \$ 2000.00

This winner also will be offered a paid internship for the following year (approximately \$4000.00 value) courtesy of

Ameriserve Financial.

Second Prize - \$1750.00

Third Prize - \$1500.00

\*Awards will be written directly to school of choice. Individuals are limited to winning this category once in a lifetime.

SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY II

All Post-Secondary Students.

SUBJECT ORGANIZING:

Explain the legal steps of an organizing drive a Union must take to be successful.

AWARDS\*

First Prize - \$2000.00

Second Prize - \$1750.00

Third Prize - \$1500.00

\*Awards will be written directly to school of choice. Individuals are limited to winning this category once in a lifetime.

Scholarships are offered to students in 2 categories:

- Graduating High School Seniors (Class of 2025)
- All Post-Secondary Students.

Essays will be judged in March 2025; the winner and 2 guests will be invited to attend the Workers Memorial Banquet in April 2025.