

THE ERNIE ESPOSITO
2026 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST
SPONSORED BY
THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN-SOMERSET CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY I

Graduating High School Seniors Class of 2026.

SUBJECT:

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

AWARDS*

First Prize - \$ 2000.00

Second Prize - \$1500.00

Third Prize - \$1000.00

***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:

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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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.

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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