



2022 Scholarship Essay Contest

Scholarship Awards

First Place	\$2,000
Second Place	\$1,000
Third Place	\$500

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.

Scholarships are offered to students in two categories: graduating high school seniors (Class of 2022), and all post-secondary students.

Deadline is February 28, 2022

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The late AFL-CIO President and Pennsylvania native Richard Trumka left an indelible impact on the Labor movement as we know it today. The 2022 Scholarship Essay Contest theme is based on his life and work in honor of his memory.

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 emailed to dmadsen@paafcio.org by February 28, 2022.

The PDF version of this flier is on paafcio.org.

**If you have questions please
call 717-231-2842, or
email dmadsen@paafcio.org.**

Category 1

Graduating High School Seniors

From his Pennsylvania roots to his work serving the United Mine Workers of America, through his leadership guiding the national AFL-CIO and beyond, President Trumka dedicated his life to making sure that working people around the globe had the best future possible. Please provide a brief biographical overview on President Trumka's life and choose a highlight of his career that inspires you, including why.

Category 2

Post-Secondary Students

At 33 years old, President Trumka was elected President of the United Mineworkers of America (UMWA), where his leadership stood out during the Pittston strike of 1989. Please provide a brief overview and analysis of Richard Trumka's leadership during his tenure with the UMWA, including its historic context/significance in relation to the labor movement.

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and include its information with your entry.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

UNION AFFILIATION & LOCAL

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (if known)

NAME AND 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