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January 2023

Attn: Guidance Counselor/ Financial Aid office,

We are sending you are our scholarship application/s and seeking your help in promoting them within your school. We will benefit from receiving more scholarship applications and one of your students may benefit from applying, if their essay is selected by our judges. Sounds like a win-win situation.

Enclosed is the brochure for our three (3) scholarships; one is for a graduating senior, one is for a post secondary student, and one is for a graduate student. The awards are all for \$500 each, a mere \$1 per word for the winning essay. The award is paid directly to the student. The deadline is April 13th. Please feel free to make as many copies as you would like. They are also available on our website <https://nwpaalf.paaflcio.org/> under the category in the menu bar is Scholarships& Info will open the article about the 2023 scholarships. We also have an article titled "Educational Opportunities" with tips for additional funding. To help determine eligibility on our website under the about us section is an article title NWPA ALF Affiliates.

As a service to our Central Labor Councils who have scholarships, we have printed and included their scholarships also. Each of those scholarships are unique please read the eligibility closely and check their websites, about us section for their affiliates list. And make sure they mail each scholarship essay to the correct address.

<https://nwpaalf.paaflcio.org/eriecrawfordclc>

<https://nwpaalf.paaflcio.org/beaverlawrence>

<https://nwpaalf.paaflcio.org/mercercclc>

We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter and look forward to receiving the applications from your students who meet the eligibility requirements.

Sincerely,

Rosann K Barker
Director, NWPA ALF

Both Scholarships have the same award, eligibility, purpose and length of Essay, please note the topic is different for each scholarship make sure you write your essay on the appropriate topic.

AWARD - \$1,000.00

ELIGIBILITY

Student who will graduate from high school in 2023. Award recipient must be accepted or registered as a full-time student in a post-secondary program. The applicant must be a union member, or a dependent child of a union member, or grandchild residing in the home of a union member in good standing in the home of a affiliated with the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

PURPOSE

To foster an understanding of the Labor Movement's vital contributions to this nation's economic, social and political fabric.

TO ENTER

Submit a 500-word essay on the appropriate topic:

Beaver-Lawrence CLC Scholarship topic is; WHAT IS THE AFL-CIO AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Donald McNutt Memorial Scholarship topic is; What impact does buying "American-Made Union-Made" products have on our economy?

Essays must be typewritten (in Blue or Black Ink), double spaced on 8½" x 11" white paper, and void of identification. Please attach this completed scholarship application form to your essay and mail to:

Attn: Rosann NWPA ALF

Beaver-Lawrence CLC Scholarship

1276 Liberty St Ste 2

Franklin, PA 16323

Submission deadline: Friday, May 20, 2023

Presentation: Winner will be notified by mail.

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☐ I understand as a graduating Senior I can apply for both scholarships. I have checked the scholarships I am applying for:

☐ The Beaver-Lawrence CLC Scholarship "WHAT IS THE AFL-CIO AND WHAT DO THEY DO?"

☐ Donald McNutt Scholarship "What impact does buying "American-Made Union-Made" products have on our economy?"

Student's Name _____ Phone _____ Email: _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

High School _____ Address _____

Post-Secondary Institution _____

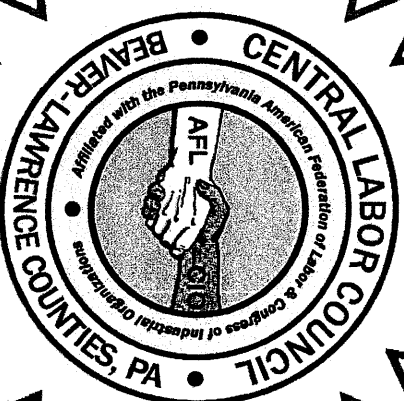
Name & phone number of Union Member _____ Union Affiliation _____

Circle Relationship of Union Member (Grandparent / Father / Mother / or Self) _____

Local Union Official's Signature _____ Title _____ (Local Union Name & Number) _____

BEAVER-LAWRENCE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



We are proud to sponsor (2) two scholarships essay contests for graduating Seniors; The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Scholarship and the Donald McNutt Memorial Scholarship.

Note: Students can apply for one or both scholarships ...



The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council (CLC) is one of nearly 500 state and local labor councils of the AFL-CIO and are the heart of the labor movement. Our officers and Executive Board are democratically elected. The Delegates and Alternates of our affiliates who serve on our Central Labor Council are dedicated to represent the interests of all working people at the state and local level.

We have 49 affiliated locals unions in the Beaver and Lawrence Counties of Pennsylvania. We mobilize our members and community partners to advocate for social and economic justice and we strive daily to vanquish oppression and make our communities better for all people— regardless of race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin.

Our members have not only worked to help the workers in our region with many community projects but have looked toward the future. One way to help improve the lives and opportunities for anyone is through continued education. They began efforts to establish a scholarship fund at our council in early 1980's. We have awarded more than 60 scholarships to-date. We currently offer two scholarships and look forward to reading the essays every year..

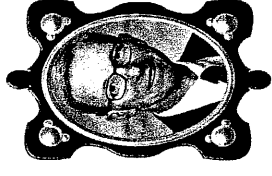
We want all the students applying for our scholarships to know how proud we are of them. We congratulate you for demonstrating how determined you are to obtain the necessary funding to further your education. You have shown more initiative than most of your peers, and we wish you well.

BEAVER- LAWRENCE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP



Chartered on March 27, 1961, the Labor Council of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, AFL-CIO began serving both its membership and the local community. After nearly 45 years as a stand-alone CLC, the AFL-CIO asked the council to expand their jurisdiction to include Lawrence County. At that time, the council formally changed their name to The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council.

Education was a major concern of leadership of this council and they began by educating their officers, delegates and the affiliated local union members. Always having an eye on the future and realizing our children are our future the leadership here decided to create a scholarship program. The program is used two-fold; the questions chosen are designed to educate the applicants about unions through their research. The scholarship offers additional funding to assist with the continued education of a dependent of an affiliated local union who wins the essay contest. This scholarship is awarded to a senior beginning their journey into the system of higher education.



DONALD E. MCNUTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Donald E McNutt began his service to his community and nation when he enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. This veteran returned home and his passion to serve continued as he worked far into retirement. Don was a union activist and caring individual. He was a member of the International Association of Machinists Potomac Air Lodge Local 1976 for 35 years. While living in Washington County, he was inducted into the Washington County CLC Labor Hall of Fame for his many years of union service. He later moved to Beaver County.

Don understood the importance of Solidarity and Education. For many years he was on the Executive Board of the Beaver-Lawrence CLC and each month provided information on the "Union Label". Don understood that looking for the union label and the Made-In-USA label was something all members of organized labor should do. He knew this would assure we bought quality products, preserved good paying family sustaining jobs and our economy. He always discussed what union households should or should not buy. Don was also one of the founders of the "The Union Bug", a monthly newsletter that the Beaver-Lawrence CLC published.

Don McNutt was excited when we offered our first scholarship and he was a part of the decision to make sure we developed a two-fold program. In honor of his dedication and service the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council has decided to name this scholarship in his memory. This scholarship is awarded to a senior beginning their journey into the system of higher education.

PURPOSE

To foster an understanding of the labor movement's 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 2023. Award recipient must be accepted or registered as a full-time student in a post-secondary program. The applicant must be a union member, or a dependent child 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:

Recipient of this scholarship must be an incoming freshman of undergraduate student in 2023 at Gannon University, who is either a member of 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 labor movement in the United States was born in the early 20th century to protect workers from unfair and unsafe working conditions. Please describe the impact of unions and any relevant laws in one of these areas: (choose one)

- Aid to injured workers
- Living wages
- 40 hour work weeks
- Job protection
- Workplace safety
- Health benefits
- Support for retired workers

APPLICATION PROCESS

To enter please submit a 500-word essay answering the topic above. Essays must be typewritten (in Blue or Black ink), double spaced on 8 1/2" X 11" white paper, and void of identification. Please attach the completed scholarship application form to your essay and mail to:

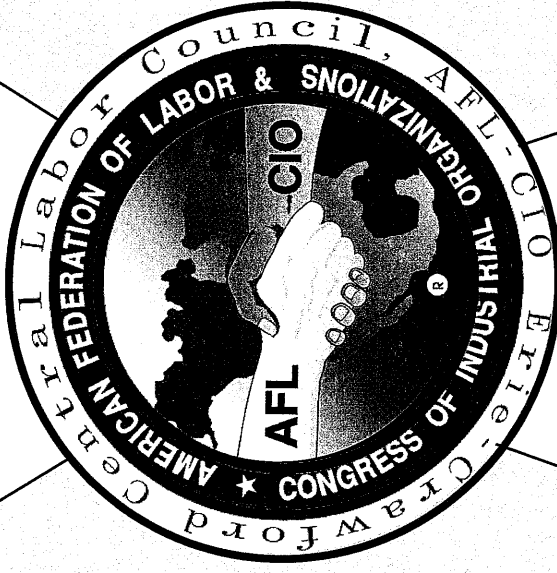
Erie-Crawford CLC, AFL-CIO
32 West 8th St, Suite 502
Erie, PA 16501

Essays can be e-mailed (if typed in MS word) to eriecrawfordclc@aol.com but the original printed essay & application form with signatures must still be mailed for verification of union affiliation.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY APRIL 21, 2023

PRESENTATION:
SATURDAY MAY 13, 2023

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."

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM LEGIBLY AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR ESSAY

NAME:		E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
HOME ADDRESS:		PHONE #:	
HIGH SCHOOL NAME:		HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS:	
POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION:		UNION AFFILIATION: (LOCAL UNION NAME & NUMBER)	
NAME OF UNION MEMBER:		RELATIONSHIP TO UNION MEMBER:	
APPLYING FOR?: ☐ JOHN "DAVID" DEVER ☐ THEO SABIN MEYER ☐ TOM WAGNER ☐ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP		LOCAL UNION OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE:	
LOCAL UNION OFFICIAL'S TITLE:		LOCAL UNION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	

Mercer County Central Labor Council

"Anna J. Rickert 2023 Memorial Scholarship"

The Mercer County Central Labor Council (MCCLC) of PA will provide one \$1,000.00 scholarship each year to a High School Senior planning to extend his or her education at a college, university or accredited secondary school. The applicant must be the child or step child of a Union Member in good standing from one of the Mercer County, PA Central Labor Council's participating Unions. The participating Union must be in good standing with the MCCLC at the time of application.

Those applying for the scholarship must complete the attached application and must comply with the application process. The application process is as follows:

1.) Applicant must fill out the attached application and submit it to the Recording Secretary along with an essay as described below by April 30th.

2.) The essay must be based on : **"What do you think a Union should do for its**

Members?". The essay must be typed in black or blue ink and must be double spaced on 8 ½" x 11" white paper. The essay must be at least 500 words in length and should be void of any identification.

3.) Applicant must request the high school guidance counselor send a letter of recommendation to the Recording Secretary of the MCCLC. The letter should include the

applicant's grade point average, extra curricular activities, and any other pertinent information.

4.) Three (3) letters of recommendation from teachers, pastors, coaches, employers, etc. must be received by the Recording Secretary by the application deadline.

5.) All required materials must be received by the Recording Secretary no later than April 30th of each year for the applicant to be eligible.

6.) The President of the MCCLC shall appoint a "Committee" of at least three (3) delegates to review all applications and conduct the screening and evaluation. It will be the responsibility of the Committee to select the winner of the Anna J. Rickert Memorial Scholarship. The recipient of the scholarship will be announced at the June meeting.

7.) A scholarship check will be forwarded to the college, university, or accredited secondary school in the name of the recipient. No checks will be given directly to the recipient.

8.) The Mercer County Central Labor Council reserves the right to adjust or to refuse to award the scholarship in any given year. The decision of the Delegates of the MCCLC is final.

9.) The recipient must remain a student in good standing for a period of one (1) year, or the scholarship must be returned to the MCCLC.

2023 Anna J. Rickert Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by
Mercer County IPA
Central
Labor Council,
AFL-CIO



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Anna J. Rickert

2023

Memorial Scholarship



The Mercer County Central Labor Council of PA is proud to offer the Anna J. Rickert Memorial Scholarship for the 2023 school year. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial assistance to the sons and daughters of affiliated local union members. Anna Rickert was a strong union member who believed in and gave much of her time and energy to her union and to the union movement in general. She held many positions at her local union and at the Mercer County Central Labor Council. Anna passed away on June 3, 2015 and is greatly missed by all who knew her. One of Anna's goals was to educate our members and the public on the advantages of getting involved in and having a strong union. This scholarship is being offered as a way to honor Anna's strong belief in education. Through this scholarship, Anna's goal to educate will continue.

Send completed applications to:

President Andrew Harkulich
923 Park Ave
Farrell, PA 16121
724-854-0605



Mercer County Central Labor Council

"Anna J. Rickert 2023 Memorial Scholarship"

APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ Date of Birth _____

(cell) _____

School currently attending _____

Date of Graduation _____ School Phone # _____

Union Member's Name _____ Local Union # _____

Union Members Address _____

Relationship to Union Member _____ Phone (union member) _____

Signature of Union Member _____

Signature of Applicant _____

This application must be signed by the President or Secretary of the Local Union verifying that the Union Member is a member in good standing of the Local Union.

UNION NAME: _____

UNION OFFICER: _____

Signature and title _____