

2020 NH AFL-CIO Linda Horan Scholarship Program

This year, in honor of Sister Linda Horan, the NH AFL-CIO will again award scholarship assistance. Members in good standing of an affiliated local union, their spouses, children, grandchildren, stepchildren, or legal wards are encouraged to apply. A minimum of three scholarships will be awarded; one for \$1,500, one for \$1,000 and one for \$750. *Additional prizes may be awarded contingent on funding available.*

Scholarship applicants must submit a 750-1,000 word (3 to 4 pages double-spaced) essay in response to the following statement and **ALL** of the prompts:

Given all that has happened in 2020, the elections on both the state and federal level have taken on a greater urgency. We are facing a triple crises of the COVID-19 pandemic, economic inequality exacerbated by the pandemic and a long deferred need to genuinely address racial injustice in our country. The people we elect will make decisions that directly effect our health and safety, at school and in the workplace. They will also determine whether we live up to our values, that all Americans should be treated equally.

Since voting is so important, what do you think should be done to ensure every citizen can exercise his or her right to vote in Nov. 2020 without endangering their lives? Are there better solutions than in-person voting, and voting on election day only? If voting is not done in person, how do we account for election security and making sure that our votes are counted? How can we make sure that the voices of working people are heard in this election?

Essays will be judged on understanding, writing style, and significance to Labor Unions. Applicants are encouraged to draw on the experiences of their families and communities. Two copies of the essay must be submitted - one may be a photocopy. **All wording identifying the union member or the name of the member's union will be redacted, so please avoid use of such identifying information in your essay.**

Those eligible are members in good standing, or the spouses, children, grandchildren, stepchildren, or legal wards of a member in good standing, of unions affiliated with the NH AFL-CIO. The union member must live or work in New Hampshire.

A completed application form must be verified by your local union official and must accompany the essay. Forms are available from your local union or the NH AFL-CIO, 161 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, NH 03106 (or call 603-623-7302).

The scholarship award(s) will be announced **on or before August 17, 2020**. Winners will also be honored by the NH-AFL-CIO's on LABOR DAY. Winners must provide proof of undergraduate enrollment in a college, community college, university, or recognized trade school for the fall semester, 2019.

Essays and application forms must be received by the NH AFL-CIO Scholarship Committee, no later than **4:00 p.m., MONDAY, July 27, 2020 at: NH AFL-CIO, 161 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, NH 03106.**