

The Greater Southeastern Massachusetts Labor Council

Annual Scholarship Program

The Greater Southeastern Massachusetts Labor Council Scholarship is available to high school seniors living in Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands whose Parents, Legal Guardian, Aunts, Uncles, or Grandparents are members of a labor union affiliated with the Greater Southeastern Massachusetts Labor Council. The student applicant may also be a member of a labor union affiliated to the labor council.

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to three students selected as winners during the competition. All scholarships are awarded to those students who meet the selection criteria.

The most important element of the selection criteria is the essay followed by the students' grades.

ALL STUDENTS MUST

A complete application packet is due on April 10, 2020. Any late or incomplete scholarship application packet will be automatically rejected.

All students MUST include ALL five of the following elements in their application packet:

1. Have a Parent, Stepparent, Legal Guardian, Brother, Sister, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, or the student applicant be a member of a labor union affiliated with the Greater Southeastern Massachusetts Labor Council. NOTE: Please contact the Greater Southeastern Massachusetts Labor Council at 508-999-8774 or at gsmlaborcouncilma@gmail.com if you have any questions or want to verify your union's membership in the Greater Southeastern Mass Labor Council.
2. Be a senior in high school and plan to attend college in the fall.
3. Submit a completed scholarship application form.
4. Submit a high school transcript.
5. Submit a completed essay.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

A. Write a 700-word essay describing the history of your family's involvement in unions.

You **MUST** refer to the following four areas:

1. How and why your family became involved in organized labor.
2. Describe any special moments in which your family benefitted from involvement in a labor union.
3. Describe what you believe to be the value of belonging to a labor union.
4. Explain your understanding of the union movement in America today.

Helpful hints in preparing your essay:

Get information from family members in labor unions, your family's union shop steward and or business agent, and your teachers

- B. Essay must be typed using 12 pt. font. Margins should be no more than 1 inch on all sides. All lines must be double-spaced.
- C. Please return the completed essay and completed application form by **April 10, 2020**.
- D. Failure to submit any of the three required items by the deadline will result in disqualification.
- E. All recipients must be present at our annual scholarship dinner on **May 14, 2020** in order to be awarded a scholarship.
- F. All scholarship recipients must proof of acceptance to an accredited institution of higher education

The Mission of the Greater Southeastern Massachusetts Labor Council is:

- To fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the working people of America through the democratic process within the framework of our constitutional government.
- To responsibly serve the interests of all the American people at the collective bargaining table, in the community and in the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
- To pledge ourselves to the more effective organization of working men and women; to the achievement of even higher standards of living and working conditions; to the

attainment of security for all the people; to the enjoyment of the leisure which their skills make possible and to strengthen our way of life and the fundamental freedoms which are the basis of our democratic society.

The application can be mailed to:

The Greater Southeastern Massachusetts Labor Council

560 Pleasant St.

New Bedford, MA 02740-6236

Or Faxed to (508) 992-0340 or E-mailed to gsm Labor Council MA@gmail.com

**THE GREATER SOUTHEASTERN MASS CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

All applications are due no later than April 10, 2020.

Part I Student Information

Full Name: _____ Male ___ Female ___

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ *Phone: _____

Senior at: _____

College you plan to attend in the Fall: _____

Part II Union Member Information

Only students that come from a union affiliated with The Greater Southeastern Mass Labor Council need to complete this section.

1. Member's Full Name: _____ Active ___ Retired ___

Relationship to student applying (please check one)

Self ___ Parent/Stepparent ___ Brother/Sister ___ Legal Guardian ___

Grandparent ___ Aunt/Uncle ___

2. Union: _____ Local Number: _____ Tel.: _____

Part III Parent Information

Mother's Full Name: _____ Occupation _____

Father's Full Name: _____ Occupation _____

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Please do not forget to include your completed essay and transcript(s) with this application.

***Please include the best phone number to reach students**

Note: All scholarship recipients must be present to be awarded the scholarship.