

2014 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AFT-Wisconsin

AFT-Wisconsin has a long tradition of offering educational scholarships to support dependents of members in good standing who wish to pursue a career in labor, education, health care or government service. Currently, AFT-Wisconsin offers one \$1,000 university scholarship and one \$500 technical school scholarship.

Eligibility for Scholarships:

Applicant's parent, grandparent or guardian must be a current AFT-Wisconsin member or a retiree in good standing of AFT-Wisconsin for more than one year. The individual must be accepted into an accredited college, university or technical college at the time the award is issued. Preference for the 2013-2014 scholarships will be given to applicants with an expected high school graduation date of June 2014. However, if scholarships are still available after these have been evaluated or if no current graduates apply, past graduates will be considered. Graduate students are not eligible.

Evaluation criteria:

Applicants for scholarships are evaluated according to graduation date, academic rank, extracurricular and school activities, leadership skills, family union activity, essay and recommendations.

Funding:

The Memorial Scholarships are funded by both contributions from AFT-Wisconsin and voluntary contributions.

Timelines:

Applications are due to AFT-Wisconsin by **March 15, 2014**. Recipients will be notified by May 1, 2014. Letters of Recommendation addressed to entities other than AFT-Wisconsin will not be considered. Winners will be notified by May 1, 2014. For more information, including an application form, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/AFTW-2014-Scholarships>

Porter Scholarships – AFT National

As part of the Robert G. Porter Scholars Program, the AFT offers \$8,000 scholarships to four high-achieving high school seniors who are the dependents of AFT members. And 10 grants of \$1,000 each are available to AFT members from all divisions who seek to implement ideas for their union about the role union members can play in collectively reclaiming the promise.

Robert G. Porter was a dedicated union activist from the time he joined his first AFT local in East St. Louis, Ill., until his death in 1991. For nearly four decades, the late AFT secretary-treasurer gave his all to championing the rights of working people, promoting civil rights, and ensuring that the union was a vehicle for helping members achieve justice. Since its inception in 1993, the Robert G. Porter Scholars Program has awarded more than \$500,000 to AFT members and their dependents to further their education and to help grow our union's capacity to achieve our goals.

This year's winners will be announced by June 30 and will be recognized at the AFT convention, July 11-14, in Los Angeles. The deadline for submitting the 2014 application to the AFT is **March 31**. For more information, go to: <http://www.aft.org/benefits/scholarships/eligibility.cfm>

South Central Federation of Labor

Four \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded. You must be a member of a labor organization affiliated with the South Central Federation of Labor (WPEC is affiliated). You must also live or work in Dane, Sauk, Iowa, Dodge, Jefferson or Columbia County. Half of the amount (\$500) will be given at the beginning of the first semester, upon submission of proof of tuition paid, and the remaining half (\$500) at the beginning of the second semester, upon submission of proof of tuition paid.

In addition, the Dodge County Chapter of the South Central Federation of Labor will award two \$500 scholarships, \$250 for each semester.

Applications must be received or postmarked by **Fri., June 27, 2014** at the South Central Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, 1602 South Park Street, Room 228, Madison, WI 53715-2108. Results will be posted on www.SCFL.org by July 9, 2014

For more information, including an application for, go to: <http://www.scfl.org/feature/2014-scfl-scholarship-information/>