

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 the 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

Submit a complete application packet by midnight, **April 21, 2024**. 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 508-436-0774 or at gsmleschoarships@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 21, 2024**.
- D. Failure to submit any of the three required items by the deadline will result in disqualification.
- E. All recipients must make reasonable effort to be available for scholarship presentation at a date, time and place that is deemed safe.
- 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 be a 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 E-mailed to gsmclscholarships@gmail.com or submitted online at

<https://bit.ly/GSMCLC2024ScholarApp>

Am I related to a union worker?

Below is a list of the affiliated unions as of 1/28/24 with a *broad* description of the work members do, or may have done.

1199 SEIU & 1199 SEIU RI - home care workers and hospital staff, nursing home staff
AFSCME 1990 - Fall River Housing Authority support staff
AFSCME Council 93 Local 2511 - New Bedford - government workers
AFSCME local 507 - Umass Dartmouth support staff and administrative assistants
AFT 4928 MLSA & MLSA Local 04928/AFT - Librarians and library support staff
ATU 1037, New Bedford - Bus drivers
ATU 1548, Plymouth/Martha's Vineyard & Islands - Bus drivers
ATU 174, Fall River - Bus drivers
Bricklayers & Allied Trades 3 - Masons and building trades
Boston Plasterers' & Cement Masons' Local 534 - building trades
Carpenters 330 - building trades
Fall River Education Association MTA - Teachers
Fall River Firefighters 1314 & Harwich Firefighters, New Bedford Firefighters 841
IBEW 1499 - Electricians and Trades
IBEW 223 - Electricians and Trades
IBEW 2322 - Electricians and other trades
Iron Workers 37
IUPAT 35 - Painters and allied trades
Laborer's 385 - trades of all types
MEBA - Maritime Trades
Mass Nurses Association - Nurses & hospital staff
NALC Branch 18 & Branch 51- Letter Carriers (USPS) Greater New Bedford & Greater Fall River
New Bedford Para-educators AFT 2378 - school support staff
New Bedford Educators Association MTA - teachers
OPEIU 277, OPEIU 6 - Professional workers of many kinds
Operating Engineer 4 - Heavy equipment operators, construction work
Plumbers & Pipefitters 51
Seafarer SIU - fishermen and marine trades
SEIU 509 - state and local government workers
SEIU 888 - state, municipal and education workers
SMART Local 17 - Sheet Metal workers
Teamsters 251 - Various hospital and school support workers
Teamsters 59 - UPS, local police departments, school support staff
UAW 1596 - United Auto Workers and industrial trades
UFCW 328 - Food & Commercial Workers - Stop'n Shop Employees, cannabis workers
UMASS Maintainers AFT 6350 - UMass Dartmouth support staff and groundskeepers
UMD Faculty Fed AFT1895 - UMass Dartmouth instructors and professors
UNITEHERE 177-361-484 NE Joint Board - mill and textile workers
USW 1357 - Steelworkers, SOAR - retired steelworkers
UWUA 369 - Utility Workers - Eversource and energy production companies