

NH AFL-CIO

2014 Scholarships

This year, the NH AFL-CIO will again award scholarships to members in good standing of an affiliated local union, their spouses, children, stepchildren, or legal wards. First prize is \$1,000. Additional prizes are contingent on funding.

Scholarship applicants must submit a 750-1,000 word (3 to 4 pages double-spaced) essay on the following topic:

Currently the state of New Hampshire has no minimum wage; therefore it is subjected to the Federal Minimum Wage which is \$7.25 per hour for waged employees. The New Hampshire legislature has been debating the issue of raising the minimum wage required in NH by enacting a State minimum wage.

Do you agree or disagree with the idea of enacting a State minimum wage, which would be higher than the Federal limit? Please explain.

Also, please explain how your position would impact the New Hampshire economy.

Essays will be judged on understanding, writing style, and significance. 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.

Those eligible are members in good standing, or the spouses, children, 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 scholarships will be awarded at the NH AFL-CIO's 2014 Labor Day Breakfast. Winners must provide proof of undergraduate enrollment in a college, community college, university, or recognized trade school for the fall semester, 2014.

Essays and application forms must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday August 8, 2014 by the NH AFL-CIO Scholarship Committee, 161 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, NH 03106.