

ALABAMA ORGANIZED LABOR AWARDS FOUNDATION

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Montgomery, Alabama 36104

TO: All Affiliates

April 13, 2017

FROM: Bill Frederick, AOLAF Chairperson



SUBJECT: **2017 AOLAF Essay Contest and 2017 AOLAF Trade Scholarship Contest**

I am pleased to announce the **2017 AOLAF Essay Contest**, as well as, the **2017 ALABAMA POWER and SOUTHERN NUCLEAR COMPANY Trade Scholarship Contest**. This year there will be fifteen (15) essay scholarship recipients to be awarded as follows:

The 2017 Central Alabama Building Trades Scholarship:

1 - \$4,000.00 Scholarship

(Funded by Central Alabama Building Trades and The Pat Keahey Law Firm)

The 2017 Billy Tindle Memorial Scholarship:

1 - \$3,500.00 Scholarship

(Funded by IAM District Lodge 75 and The Pat Keahey Law Firm)

The 2017 James Albright Memorial Scholarship:

1 - \$1,500.00 Scholarship

(Funded by The Gardner Firm PC)

The 2017 James F. Swindle Memorial Scholarship:

1 - \$1,500.00 Scholarship

(Funded by Quinn, Connor, Weaver, Davies & Rouco Law Firm)

The 2017 Pat Keahey Scholarship In Honor of Southern Building Trades:

1 - \$1,000.00 Scholarship

(Funded by The Pat Keahey Law Firm)

The 2017 Pat Keahey Scholarship In Honor of United Steelworkers:

1 - \$1,000.00 Scholarship

(Funded by The Pat Keahey Law Firm)

The 2017 Pat Keahey Scholarship In Honor of Northern Building Trades:

1 - \$1,000.00 Scholarship

(Funded by The Pat Keahey Law Firm)

The 2017 United Mineworkers of America Cecil E. Roberts Scholarships:

2 - \$1,000.00 Scholarships

(Funded by United Mineworkers of America)

The 2017 UA Pipeliners Local 798 Scholarship:

1 - \$1,000.00 Scholarship

(Funded by UA Pipeliners Local 798)

The 2017 United Steelworkers District 9 Scholarship:

1 - \$1,000.00 Scholarship

(Funded by United Steelworkers District 9)

The 2017 Southern Nuclear Company Scholarship:

1 - \$1,000.00 Scholarship

(Funded by Southern Nuclear Company)

The 2017 Alabama Coalition of Black Trade Unions Scholarship:

1 - \$1,000.00 Scholarship

(Funded by Alabama Coalition of Black Trade Unions)

The 2017 Walker-Ennis Memorial Scholarships:

2 - \$500.00 Scholarships

(Funded by Alison Washington/AFLAC)

This year, our essay topic will be:

“Discuss the shrinking size and influence of organized labor and the corresponding decrease in the standard of living of most Americans.”

The essay contest is open to current Alabama union members, their spouses, their dependents and their grandchildren that are full or part time post-secondary students. All essays must be submitted by **Friday, May 26, 2017** and the winner will be announced at the banquet on **August 12, 2017**. Enclosed please find an announcement and a contest packet. Please post the announcement and keep copies of the instruction and application forms available for your membership.

The **“Trade Scholarship”** contest does not require an essay. This year there will be 3 Trade Scholarship recipients and the amount of the scholarships will be 2 - \$1,250.00 and 1 - \$1,000.00 scholarships. The applicant for this type of scholarship should be a union member or a family member of a union member. The applicant must be already accepted into a union accredited pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program and/or an accredited technical college. All applications for the Trade Scholarship must be submitted by **Friday, May 26, 2017** and the winners will be announced at the banquet on **August 12, 2017**. Enclosed please find an announcement and an application form. Please post the announcement and keep copies of the application forms available for your membership.

Each scholarship recipient winner and two guests shall be provided, at no cost, tickets to the banquet at which they will receive their scholarship.

We also invite you to purchase a table at the annual banquet on **Saturday, August 12th** to help us honor our labor leaders and fund our Alabama Labor Archives. **A table of ten is only \$600.00 and individual tickets can be purchased for \$60.00 each.**

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Enclosures

2017 ALABAMA ORGANIZED LABOR AWARDS FOUNDATION ESSAY CONTEST

Central Alabama Building Trades Scholarship
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Walker-Ennis Memorial Scholarships

Instructions for Applicants

Scholarships: 1 - \$4,000.00 funded by *Central Alabama Building Trades & The Pat Keahey Law Firm*
1 - \$3,500.00 funded by *IAM District Lodge 75 & The Pat Keahey Law Firm*
1 - \$1,500.00 funded by *The Gardner Firm PC*
1 - \$1,500.00 funded by *Quinn, Connor, Weaver, Davies & Rouco Law Firm*
3 - \$1,000.00 funded by *The Pat Keahey Law Firm*
2 - \$1,000.00 funded by *United Mineworkers of America*
1 - \$1,000.00 funded by *UA Pipeliners Local 798*
1 - \$1,000.00 funded by *United Steelworkers District 9*
1 - \$1,000.00 funded by *Southern Nuclear Company*
1 - \$1,000.00 funded by *Alabama Coalition of Black Trade Unions*
2 - \$500.00 funded by *Alison Washington/AFLAC*

Purposes: To help qualified union-affiliated college students meet the expenses of college
To encourage reading and research on labor history
To connect the legacy of labor to personal life experiences

Eligibility: Current Alabama union members, their spouses, their dependents and their grandchildren
Applicant must be a full or part-time postsecondary student for fall semester 2017
Applicant must submit verification of enrollment and proof of union affiliation with the scholarship application and essay

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by **Friday, May 26, 2017**

To apply: 1. Fill out the application form
2. Read the tips for writing a good essay
3. Write a good essay
4. Attach the essay and application form to the enrollment verification and union card

Mail the whole package by **Friday, May 26, 2017** to:

AOLAF
c/o Alabama AFL-CIO
435 South McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

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Tips for Writing a Good Essay

This year we have many scholarships being offered! Put some time and effort into researching, writing and typing your essay. Your judges are used to grading the papers of college students, so they expect you to show that you're capable of doing a good job at the college level.

Essay Topic: ***“Discuss the shrinking size and influence of organized labor and the corresponding decrease in the standard of living of most Americans.”***

Essay length: 300-500 words

Essay format: Typed on 8 ½ x 11 paper
Double spaced
Use black – not blue, red or green – ink!
Do not put your name or the name of the union member on the essay

Research: Read! Use books, magazines, journals or newspapers to get information. Talk to your family members and friends about unions.
Do NOT use an encyclopedia!
Be very careful if you use the Internet. Make sure your source is credible

Analysis: Integrate what you've read with your experiences and those of your family and community
Apply what you've read to the essay topic

Writing: Be sure to indicate when you are quoting from a source
Document your sources
Proofread your essay to make sure that your grammar and spelling are correct!
Have a teacher or other trusted adult read your essay

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ALABAMA POWER AND SOUTHERN NUCLEAR COMPANY TRADE SCHOLARSHIPS

Instructions for Applicants

Scholarships: 2 - \$1,250.00 Scholarships *funded by Alabama Power Company*
1 - \$1,000.00 Scholarship *funded by Southern Nuclear Company*

Purpose: To help qualified union-affiliated high school and/or college students meet the expenses of a union accredited pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program and/or an accredited technical college

Eligibility: The applicant should be a union member or a family member of a union member

The applicant must already be accepted into a union accredited pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program and/or an accredited technical college

The applicant will have to submit two (2) letters of recommendation:

- One letter from a non-family union member in good standing
- One letter from his/her instructor (either high school, apprenticeship program or technical college)

Applicant must submit verification of enrollment and proof of union affiliation with the scholarship application

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by **Friday, May 26, 2017**

To apply:

1. Fill out the application form
2. Provide 2 letters of recommendation as noted above
3. Attach the letters of recommendation, enrollment verification and union affiliation to the application form

Mail the whole package by **Friday, May 26, 2017** to:

Alabama Organized Labor Awards Foundation
c/o TRADE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
435 South McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104