



Chicago
Federation
of Labor

2020 WILLIAM A. LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ACADEMIC COMPETITION APPLICATION

The Chicago Federation of Labor will award 10 William A. Lee Memorial Scholarships, valued at \$2,000 each, to five winners of the Academic Competition and five winners of the Random Drawing. The funds may be used at any accredited college or university in the United States.

HISTORY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Chicago Federation of Labor renamed the scholarship in 1985 to honor Mr. Lee, the CFL's longest-serving president. Mr. Lee devoted over 60 years to the cause of labor and civic and community service, with 38 of those years at the CFL.

DEADLINE

Completed applications must be received by the Chicago Federation of Labor by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020.

The Chicago Federation of Labor is located at 180 N. Stetson Ave., Suite 2050, Chicago, IL 60601. Applications may be dropped off at the office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mailed applications must be postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020.

SCORING SYSTEM

The winners will be determined based on both their academic achievements and their personal essay. The academic achievements will count as 75 percent of the overall score, with the essay making up the remaining 25 percent. For more information on the academic and essay requirements, see page 2 of the application.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE DECISION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL. Selections will be based on the high school transcripts, scores on college entrance examinations (ACT and/or SAT, etc.), report of extra-curricular activities, and written essay. The Scholarship Committee may request additional information.

The scholarships are entirely unrestricted as to race, religion, political affiliation, or choice of accredited college or university. The awards will be paid by checks to the winners. There is no restriction as to income of the family nor the acceptance of other scholarship awards by the winners. Any problems must be resolved by the students. Winners will be contacted by the CFL. The names of the winners will be posted to the CFL website and released to the media. Excerpts from the winning essays will be used for promotional purposes as the CFL deems appropriate.

The William A. Lee Memorial Scholarships will be awarded to the winners as soon as possible after selection. Winners must be present at the William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship presentation to receive their checks. The presentation will be held in May 2020. Once all winners of the Random Drawing and Academic Competition are determined, a date will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee and sent to the scholarship winners.

While scholarships are offered in two separate categories (Academic Competition and Random Drawing), students may only apply for one category. APPLICANTS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER BOTH CATEGORIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Submitted applications must contain ORIGINAL SIGNATURES from school and union officials. Faxed or photocopied submissions will not be entered into the competition.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must complete the William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship Academic Competition Application and the personal essay. Return the COMPLETED application, including the high school transcripts; ACT and/or SAT, or other college entrance examination scores; record of extra-curricular activities; and personal essay to: **William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship Committee, Chicago Federation of Labor, 180 N. Stetson Ave., Suite 2050, Chicago, IL 60601.** Mailed applications must be postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020; hand-delivered applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant must be a senior in high school and graduating in the spring of 2020.
- Either the applicant or the applicant's parent must be a member in good standing of a CFL-affiliated union. To confirm a union's affiliation status, please call 312.222.1000.
- The applicant must choose to enter **either the Academic Competition or Random Drawing** for the William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship. Students are not eligible to enter both categories. **APPLICANTS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER BOTH CATEGORIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

APPLICATION FORM

All three sections of the William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship Academic Competition Application must be complete to qualify for the scholarship.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

This section of the application must be completed and signed by the applicant. Once the applicant has completed the top section, he/she must obtain the signatures of a Chief Executive Officer of the applicant's (or applicant's parent's) Local Union and the principal of his/her high school, as outlined below.

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF LOCAL UNION:

This section of the application must be completed and signed by a Chief Executive Officer of the applicant's (or applicant's parent's) Local Union (example: President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary or Business Manager). **Please note: Business Agents, Stewards and delegates do not qualify as a CEO. Only original signatures will be accepted. Faxed or photocopied signatures will not be accepted.**

CERTIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

This section of the application must be completed and signed by the Principal of the applicant's high school or other authorized high school representative. **Please note: Only original signatures will be accepted. Faxed or photocopied signatures will not be accepted.**

PERSONAL ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, all applicants must answer the question: ***How has the Labor Movement impacted my life?***

Essay Guidelines:

- 500 words or less
- Typed, single-spaced. Font should be 12 point Times New Roman, or similar sized font
- 1-inch margin on all four sides of the page
- Upper left corner should include:
 - Applicant's Name, as listed on the application
 - Applicant's Phone Number, as listed on the application
 - **No additional information about the applicant should be included on the essay**

Essays will be evaluated and ranked by the Scholarship Committee based on:

- Best expression of personal experience
- Fundamental understanding of what the Labor Movement stands for
- Style, grammar, spelling, punctuation and composition

Chicago Federation of Labor William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship Academic Competition Application

Applications due Monday, February 10, 2020

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please print or type)

Name of Applicant: _____ M F
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Applicant's Home Address: _____
(Number and Street) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Phone: _____ | _____
(Home) (Cell)

Email: _____

Name of Union Member
(Either Applicant or Parent): _____
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Relationship of Union Member to Applicant: _____

Address of Union Member: _____
(Number and Street) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Local Union Name and Number: _____

Name of Applicant's High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Accredited College or University you will attend: _____

I hereby apply for the William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship Academic Competition and agree to abide by the decision of the judges as published in the announcement.

(Signature of Applicant)

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF LOCAL UNION

(Affiliate of the Chicago Federation of Labor)

I certify that I examined the statements of the applicant named on the above form. Statements in regard to the Union Membership of the applicant or the applicant's parent are in accordance with our records. The union member is a full member of this union and in good standing.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Local Union Name and Number: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

CERTIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

I certify that _____
(Name of Student)

will be graduating from _____
(Name of High School)

on _____
(Date of Graduation)

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Mail this application, including the high school transcripts; ACT, SAT, or other college entrance examination scores; record of extra-curricular activities; and personal essay to:

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