

2009 TEXAS AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHO MAY APPLY: Members or children of members of local unions or children whose legal guardians are members of local unions that are affiliated with the Texas AFL-CIO and the local Central Labor Council. *Applicants must be high school seniors who are planning to attend a university, college or technical institute in the summer of fall term.*

Application forms are available from you Central Labor Council or the Texas AFL-CIO Education Department - P.O. Box 12727, Austin, Texas 78711. **THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS JANUARY 31, 2009.**

TO INSURE PROPER PROCESSING: *Please be sure to list the Central Labor Council with which your parent's or legal guardian's local union is affiliated. Make sure the application is signed by a union officer and at least one parent or legal guardian. Include an official school transcript and if applicable, proof of legal guardianship.* If you are unsure that your local union is affiliated with your local Central Labor Council, please contact one of your local union officers. **PLEASE MAIL APPLICATIONS TO: TEXAS AFL-CIO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT – P.O. BOX 12727, AUSTIN TEXAS 78711. Incomplete applications will be returned to the student.**

A packet of material on organized labor will be sent to each applicant to prepare for a test about unions. If you do not receive your packet, please contact your central labor council, a local union officer, or the Texas AFL-CIO.

SELECTION PROCESS: Each Central Labor Council will arrange all interviews and tests for applicants no later than April 3, 2009. Please contact your Central Labor Council if you have not received notice of an interview by March 20, 2009. **YOU MUST BE TESTED AND INTERVIEWED IN THE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU LOCAL UNION IS AFFILIATED.**

After interviews and tests are conducted, each local Central Labor Council will select semi-finalists from among their applicants. Applicant's financial need, academic achievements, extra curricular activities, and his/her understanding of the labor movement as demonstrated by the test scores and interviews will be considered.

The statewide Scholarship Committee of the Texas AFL-CIO will select winners from among the semi-finalists. The results will be mailed to **all** applicants: High schools principals will receive notice of winning applicants whose name will be announced in the Texas AFL-CIO Labor News.

If you are awarded a scholarship, please contact the Texas AFL-CIO Education Department in writing or via email to ed@texasaflcio.org, and give us the name and address of the university, college or technical institute you plan to attend. **The scholarship will be paid directly to the school of your choice upon acceptance.**

For further information, contact your local union officer, Central Labor Council or Edward Sills, Texas AFL-CIO Education Department, at (512) 477-6195 or ed@texasaflcio.org.