Scholarship Fund

Southern New Jersey
Central Labor Council

The Scholarship Fund of New Jersey Central Labor Council is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.

To be eligible, all applications and required documents must be postmarked on or before May 30, 2025.

In order to qualify for a Southern New Jersey Central Labor Council Scholarship, you must be a high school graduate planning to continue your education at a college, Camden County College, Rutgers Camden, Rowen Glassboro and Rowen of South Jersey. You must be either an active Union member in good standing or the spouse or dependent child of an active Union member in good standing.

Southern New Jersey Central Labor Council Scholarship Fund awards are to be used for any of the following you choose: tuition or books or school fees or boarding fees. You may apply even if you have previously won SNJCLC as long as you meet the requirements including a written essay based on the required topics. Previous winners are eligible to apply for our scholarship every year.

For all applicants: Please submit the completed application on this page along with a copy of your grades for the current school year 2025-2026 and your researched essay.

For the 2025-2026 scholarship essay, the Trustees of the Scholarship Fund have the following requirements. Whether you are a first-time applicant, non-winner from previous years or a repeat winner from previous years, the questions are the same for all groups.

Essay topic: Research any 20-year span of the United States Organized Labor Movement and how it affected unions and workers during that period. Essay should be a minimum of 300 words or more by selecting one of the eight questions or statements below:

1. Write about the labor organization in power during the 20-year span that you chose.

2. Which labor unions were the largest and most powerful during the period you chose?

3. What laws were created to help and to hurt union workers, union organizations or nonunion workers in the US during the period of time you chose?

4. Write a comparison from the period in the labor movement you chose compared to today's unionized labor movement.

5. If you were in a position of power, what would you have changed within the period you chose, to help the union workers at that time?

6. Research the period you selected to find out the percentage of union members during that time. Which three sectors of the Organized Labor Movement grew the most for the period you selected**?**

7. Focusing on the congressional leadership in power during the time period you selected, what positive legislation was passed to help advance the Organized Labor Movement? What negative legislation was passed to hurt organized labor during the time of your selected period?

8. Researching the history of organized labor movement, which 20-year span had the fastest and largest growth in the organized union movement? What were the top three sectors of organized labor workers to grow within the period you chose?

In order to receive the scholarship, award winners must provide proof of admittance to the designated college or schools they'll be attending for the 2025-2026 school year. Winners of the scholarship award will be notified by phone and mail once the SNJCLC Review Committee has made their final selection.

Please note: Applications which do NOT include one of the items above—completed application form, AND the essay described above, will NOT be accepted.

Remember, the deadline for submitting the application and required documents to the Scholarship Fund Committee must be **postmarked on or before Friday May 30, 2025.**

We encourage all who are eligible to apply!
Mail your completed application documents to:

Southern New Jersey Central Labor Council Scholarship Fund
400 Commerce Lane
West Berlin, New Jersey 08091-9253

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SNJCLC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025

The following application must be completed and accompanied by a copy of a minimum 300 word research essay on one of the topics (see article on this page for more details about the essay requirements).

Applications which do NOT include all both items will NOT be accepted.

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Last Name **First Name** **Middle Initial**

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Street Address

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City **State** **Zip Code** **Phone # (s)**

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Union Affiliation /Union Members Name **Member's Employer** **Applicant's E-mail Address**

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Name of School Attending in 2025-2026