



2026 NWPA ALF Scholarships Essay Contest

**The NWPA American Labor Federation
is proud to offer four (4) \$750 scholarships
for the 2026 school year.**

*Our questions are designed for applicants
to learn more about the labor movement
and plan for their place in society upon
completion of their educational choice.*

To be eligible to win, you will need:

- to be a member, dependent, or grandchild of affiliated local union of the NWPA ALF
- and**
- to be enrolled in an accredited degree-granting program at a system of high education for the 2026 school year

**Please see next page for
specific scholarship requirements
and application instructions.**

Scholarships Available:

NWPA ALF Scholarship

Eligibility: Graduating Senior in any system of Higher Education

Question: How has labor impacted your life?

**Reflect on personal experiences or observations related to work, employment, or labor. Consider moments that shaped your understanding of labor's significance.*

Dr. David Ferster Educational Scholarship

Eligibility: Students attending or planning to attend a postgraduate degree-granting program

Topic: Labor equality and diversity

**Discuss the importance of equal opportunities regardless of gender, race, or background. How can we promote inclusivity and diversity in the labor force?*

David A. Bielski Educational Scholarship

Eligibility: Post-secondary student in any system of higher education

Topic: Challenges faced by workers

**What challenges do workers encounter in their jobs? Address issues like fair wages, working conditions, job security, and rights*

Rosann Barker Trade School Scholarship

Eligibility: Graduating high school senior planning to attend trade school

Topic: Labor movements and historical context

**Investigate the history of labor movements, unions, and advocacy. How have these movements shaped labor laws, policies, and worker rights?*

To apply:

- Submit a completed application form and write a 500 word essay on the topic specified in the description of the scholarship for which you are applying.
- Essays must be received in PDF or Word document without any identifying information. Your essay must address the question for your scholarship as it appears above.
- Email your completed application and essay or mail to the address provided. Email confirmations will be sent to confirm receipt of your application and essay.

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

School currently attended: _____

Address of school: _____

School/program that you will attend: _____

Union Name & Local #: _____

Name of union member: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone number #: _____

I am applying for: ☐ NWPA ALF Scholarship ☐ Dr. David Ferster Educational Scholarship
☐ David A. Bielski Educational Scholarship ☐ Rosann Barker Trade School

Complete this application and mail to: NWPA ALF | 1276 Liberty Street, Suite 2, Franklin, PA 16323
or email a copy of your application and essay to: Amy Alcorn | director.nwpa.alf@gmail.com.

The deadline for the receipt of the essay and application is Monday, May 18, 2026
Presentation will be at our meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.