



# Paul O. Johnson Scholarship Application

## Awarded by AFT Local 604

This memorial scholarship was created in memory of longtime Union activist Paul O. Johnson and is awarded to a deserving public high school senior who has plans to pursue a career in the field of education in college. Paul became a member of AFT Local 604 on November 9, 1950. He served as vice president of the Local in 1955-56 and was elected president during the 1956-57 term. In 1959, he began a four-year term as vice president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers. Paul went on to serve as President of the IFT from 1963 until 1967 when he once again became President of AFT Local 604. In 1976 when AFT Local 604 (Joliet area) and Local 1291 (Lockport area) merged, Paul was elected treasurer of the new AFT Local 604 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1987.

AFT Local 604 is offering one \$4,000 (\$2,000 per semester) scholarship to dependents of all AFT Local 604 members who are in good standing with the Union.

### **Rules and Requirements**

- Applications must be postmarked on or before February 7, 2025
- Applicant must be a public high school senior with at least a “B” average
- Parent(s) or guardian must be an AFT Local 604 member in good standing
- The following must be submitted with the application:
  1. Transcript from high school
  2. Completion of essays from the approved list below
  3. Brief description of extracurricular activities, such as academic organizations, fine arts, and/or team sports
  4. Brief description of community involvement and work experiences
- The scholarship will be presented to the winner upon proof of enrollment at a college or university

**Essay:** Please answer two of the following questions in 500-600 words each. Be sure to review the rubric before submitting the essay.

- What legacy would you like to leave?
- If there was one phrase/motto/proverb that would describe you right now, what would it be and why?
- If you have chosen a major, why did you select it? What is one example in your life that led you to this choice?
- What is one social issue that you are passionate about or have supported in the past? What is one event or example that brought you to realize this passion?
- What role do you see your generation playing in promoting social justice movements?

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school now attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the high school \_\_\_\_\_

Member Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member Parent's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Parent's Home Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Parent's AFT Local 604 Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member Parent's School District \_\_\_\_\_

What university/college will you attend \_\_\_\_\_

What is your major \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian signature

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Applicant signature

**Return to AFT Local 604 on or before February 7<sup>th</sup>...Attention to Darlene Mercer**

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