



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 or a full-time college student who has plans to pursue a career in the field of education at any college or university. 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 at least one \$4,000 (\$2,000 per semester) 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 Feb. 1st, 2023
- Applicant must be a public high school senior or a full-time college student 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 or college or university
 2. Completion of an essay from the approved list
 3. Brief description of extracurricular activities, such as community service, academic organizations, fine arts, and/or team sports
- Applicant must pursue a career in the field of education at a college or university
- Scholarships will be presented to the winners upon proof of enrollment at a college or university
- A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or college professor

Essay: Please answer one of the following questions in 500-750 words. Be sure to review the rubric before submitting the essay.

- Detail how an obstacle, achievement, or teacher you have encountered in your life have helped your decision to pursue a career in education.
- The teacher shortage is a crisis not only in Illinois, but also throughout the country. As a future professional educator, what do you see are viable options to correct this problem?

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Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Personal E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Parents' AFT Local 604 Council Name _____

Parents' School District _____

List your high school activities _____

Explain your volunteer work _____

If you have had a job, explain what you do _____

What university/college would/are you attending _____

What is your major _____

Return to AFT Local 604 on or before February 1st.

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