



# 2025 NWPA ALF Scholarships Essay Contest

The NWPA American Labor Federation is proud to offer four (4) \$500 scholarships for the 2025 school year.

*Our questions are designed for applicants 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 2025 school year

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

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# 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](mailto:Amy.Alcorn@director.nwpa.alf@gmail.com).

The deadline for the receipt of the essay and application is Monday, May 12, 2025.

Presentation will be at our meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.