

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE

OFL / AIL JACK LAYTON LABOUR POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

2016

Dear OFL Members,

The OFL is proud to be joined in partnership by American Income Life (AIL) Canada in calling for applications for the annual OFL/AIL Labour Post-Secondary Scholarships.

Two OFL members, or the children of members, will be selected from a pool of applicants to each receive a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 to support them as they enter their first year of full-time post-secondary study in September 2016. The scholarships will be awarded in honour of distinguished trade union activists who have made a significant contribution to the life and growth of the labour movement in Ontario.

Eligible candidates must:

- Be a current member, or the child of a member, of a local union affiliated to the OFL;
- Be enrolled for **September 2016** to enter their first year of full-time study (leading to a diploma or certificate) at a public Ontario community college or the first year of an undergraduate program (leading to a degree) at a publicly-funded Ontario university;
- Not have any prior post-secondary studies; and
- Be currently enrolled or not more than two years out of secondary school.

The criteria for selection of the scholarship winners will be based on:

1. An original essay, poster or video submission on the topic outlined in this year's application package.
2. A brief résumé outlining non-academic interests and activities, such as community or political involvement as well as goals for the future.
3. Evidence of understanding of the role and significance of the Canadian labour movement.

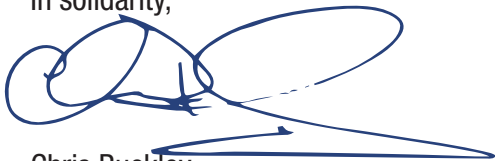
The deadline for receipt of applications is **July 10, 2016**. An Application Form is attached and can be found on-line at www.ofl.ca/index.php/scholarships. This year's scholarship winners will be announced in August 2016.

The OFL is committed to social justice and equity and believes strongly that post-secondary education provides important opportunities that should not be limited by tuition fees or student debt. We hope this scholarship helps make education more affordable while we fight to make access universal. We proudly encourage women, people of colour, Aboriginal people, LGBTQ people, people with disabilities and those from other equity-seeking backgrounds to apply for this scholarship.

The OFL represents more than one million unionized workers in Ontario from 50 affiliated unions and is proud to have the support of AIL Canada, a 100% union company that is a leader in providing supplemental insurance benefits. For more information on AIL Canada, visit: www.AILife.com.

Please circulate this call for applications to help ensure that these scholarships are made known as widely as possible.

In solidarity,



Chris Buckley
President
Ontario Federation of Labour

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PART ONE: THE STUDENT

(COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT. PLEASE PRINT.)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
City, Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
Email: _____ Cell: _____

a) Post-Secondary Studies

(INTENDED PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR SEPT. 2016. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE PENDING ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF ADMISSION.)

Public College or University: _____
Program of Study: _____

b) Voluntary Self-Identification Survey for Applicants from Equity-Seeking Groups

(PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.)

I identify as ...

- Female
- Aboriginal (Métis, First Nations, Inuit or Innu)
- Gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans or two-spirited
- Person of colour
- Person with a disability

c) Mandatory Checklist for All Applications

(PLEASE CHECK THAT ALL OF THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE INCLUDED AND ALL SECTIONS ARE COMPLETED.)

I have enclosed the following documents: Completed application forms
 Proof of Enrolment in a Public College or University
 Statement of goals and interests (see next page)
 Essay, poster or video submission on this year's topic (see next page)
 Other (please specify) _____

_____ Total number of pages enclosed

All information on this application will be kept strictly confidential.

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PART TWO: THE UNION

(COMPLETED BY AN OFFICER OF THE UNION. PLEASE PRINT.)

Full Name of Parent or Applicant Who is a Union Member: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Union: _____ Local: _____

I, the undersigned, attest that _____ is a member in good standing in this local union, which is affiliated with the Ontario Federation of Labour.

Name of Local Union Officer: _____ Signature: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____

PART THREE: STATEMENT OF GOALS AND INTERESTS

Please attach a brief résumé outlining non-academic interests and activities (such as community, union or political involvement), as well as a statement of your goals for the future. You may also include a professional résumé.

PART FOUR: ORIGINAL ESSAY, VIDEO OR POSTER SUBMISSION

All applicants must submit an original work satisfying one of the following criteria:

1. ESSAY: 1000-word, typed essay on the following topic:

The “Fight for \$15 and Fairness” movement has been spreading across Ontario as unionized and non-unionized workers campaign together to raise the minimum wage, improve employment standards and make it easier for all workers to join a union.

Why should youth, students and young workers become active in this campaign and how does it stand to make Canada’s labour market fairer for every worker?

In particular, how could this campaign improve the lives of people from diverse communities, such as women, new immigrants, racialized people, people with disabilities, Aboriginal people, and lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans people?

Feel free to draw from personal experience in your response.

2. VIDEO: Create an imaginative, clever and original one-minute video designed to encourage students and young workers to join the Fight for \$15 and Fairness campaign, as outlined in the essay above. Video submissions must be uploaded as an “unlisted” video on Youtube and with a link provided.

3. POSTER: 8.5”x11” (letter-sized) poster of original artwork encouraging students and young workers to join the Fight for \$15 and Fairness campaign, as outlined in the essay above. Poster submissions must be accompanied by a short 200-300 word reflection on how the poster connects to the essay theme.

PART FIVE: DECLARATION, DEADLINE & DESTINATION

I hereby confirm that all information submitted herewith is true and complete. I declare that my essay, poster or video submission is my own original work and reflective of my independent thoughts. I acknowledge that the OFL retains the right to publish the names of winners, photos, and submissions (wholly or in part).

Your Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please return the completed Application Form and required documents by email, fax or regular mail by **July 10, 2016** to:

Ontario Federation of Labour, ATTN: Scholarship Program

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