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**TO: AFFILIATES**

Greetings:

**APPLICATION FOR  
2014 OFL's LABOUR POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The OFL is pleased to call for applications for its annual OFL's Labour Post-Secondary Scholarships.

The OFL will award two scholarships worth \$2,000 each to a member or the child of a member of a local union affiliated to the OFL. The scholarships are awarded in honour of distinguished trade union activists selected by OFL Affiliates.

Eligible scholarship recipients must be entering, in **September 2014**, the first year of a full-time course of 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.

Scholarships are only available to candidates who have no prior post-secondary studies. The criteria for selection of the scholarship winners are the following:

1. A brief résumé outlining non-academic interests and activities, such as community or political involvement as well as goals for the future.
2. Evidence of understanding of the role and significance of the Canadian labour movement.

In order to satisfy point (2) above, applicants will be required to submit an essay of not more than 1,000 words. This year's topic is:

**“Our generation is widely expected to be the first in years to face a lower standard of living than our parents. Young people are also experiencing high levels of unemployment and underemployment. In this context, what advice would you give to the labour movement for engaging youth and young workers?”**

**The deadline for receipt of applications is June 16, 2014.** An Application Form is enclosed or can be found on-line at [www.ofl.ca](http://www.ofl.ca).

**The winners will be announced in July 2014.**



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 and student debt. We offer these scholarships to assist students in overcoming financial barriers in accessing a public college or university education.

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 is very proud to contribute to the education and development of current trade unionists, as well as investing in the next generation of labour activists. While we fight together for post-secondary education that is accessible to all, we hope this financial assistance can provide support for our members and their children.

Please ensure that these scholarships are made known as widely as possible.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sid Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**SID RYAN**  
President

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Attachment

copy: N. Hutchison, I. Nanda, OFL Executive Board



**OFL's LABOUR POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS  
2014 APPLICATION FORM**

[Information on this application will be kept strictly confidential]

**PART ONE: THE STUDENT**

**(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS)**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your first language \_\_\_\_\_

**POST-SECONDARY COURSE AND INSTITUTION YOU ARE PLANNING TO ENTER:**

**VOLUNTARY SELF-IDENTIFICATION SURVEY:**

**(Please check all that apply.)**

- 1)  I am a female
- 2)  I am an Aboriginal person: Métis, First Nations, Inuit or Innu person
- 3)  I am a gay, lesbian, bisexual or trans-identified person
- 4)  I am a person of colour
- 5)  I am a person with a disability

**STATEMENT OF INTERESTS AND GOALS:**

**Please attach** a brief résumé outlining non-academic interests and activities, such as community or political involvement, as well as goals for the future.

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**PART TWO: THE UNION**

NAME OF PARENT [OR APPLICANT] WHO IS A UNION MEMBER:

\_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of union \_\_\_\_\_

Local Union Number \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, attest that \_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of applicant or parent]

is a member in good standing in this local union which is affiliated to the Ontario Federation of Labour:

Name of local union officer \_\_\_\_\_  
[Please Print]

Signature of local union officer \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of local union officer \_\_\_\_\_

**PART THREE: THE ESSAY**

**Please attach a double-spaced essay of not more than 1,000 words on the topic:**

**“Our generation is widely expected to be the first in years to face a lower standard of living than our parents. Young people are also experiencing high levels of unemployment and underemployment. In this context, what advice would you give to the labour movement for engaging youth and young workers?”**

**Please return the Application Form and required documents by e-mail, fax or regular mail by June 16, 2014 to:**

Ontario Federation of Labour  
Attention: Sylvia Stewart  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 15 Gervais Drive  
Toronto, ON M3C 1Y8  
E-mail: [sstewart@ofl.ca](mailto:sstewart@ofl.ca)  
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