



ATU SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

for the

2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR IN MEMORY OF INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT MICHAEL J. SIANO



Born and raised in Union City, NJ, Michael J. Siano was a star athlete in Hudson County, NJ. Following service in the U.S. Army, he joined ATU Local **821**-Jersey City, NJ in 1959 as a bus operator for Public Service Coordinated Transport, now NJ Transit. Wanting to get more involved in his Local, Siano became a shop steward in 1962. Siano was then elected President and Business Agent of Local 821 ten years later.

"Mike Siano was a mentor and close friend. I admired him for his toughness and his dedication to fight for a better life for our members," said ATU International President John Costa. "Mike was a fearless negotiator who took on the toughest battles and had a lifelong commitment to civil rights. Devoting more than 50 years to the ATU, Mike was a beloved leader and friend to all ATU members."

Siano was elected International Vice President at the 1981 ATU International Convention. He was re-elected International Vice President at the next seven ATU International Conventions.

In June 2003, Siano was appointed International Executive Vice President by International President Warren George. Siano was elected as International Executive Vice President at the 2004 ATU International Convention and re-elected at the 2007 ATU International Convention. Siano retired on July 31, 2009.

Siano was also a devoted family man and many remember his proud declarations of love for his wife Judy - his high school sweetheart - and his family during all of his acceptance speeches at ATU International Conventions.

Questions about the application process please contact Kayla Warner, Executive Assistant to the International Secretary-Treasurer at kwarnar@atu.org or 301-431-7100 ext. 232



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THE OFFICIAL 2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2023**

TO: ATU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, 10000 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, SILVER SPRING, MD 20903

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Applicant: _____
(First)(Middle) - (Last)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Sponsoring ATU Member: _____

ATU Member's Local Union Number: _____

Relationship of applicant to ATU member: _____
(Self, Child, Stepchild)

High School: _____

Month & Year of Graduation: _____

High School Address: _____

Name of Principal: _____

List in order of preference, the accredited colleges, technical or vocational institutions to which you are applying for admission (no abbreviations):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

ATU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

OCTOBER 2022

SECTION 9

2023

ATU SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

IN MEMORY OF:

Michael J. Siano

The ATU Scholarship Program was established by action of the General Executive Board at its Spring 1987 Meeting.

Six scholarships are available each year. One additional \$2,000.00 scholarship is available to an applicant who will attend a technical or vocational post-secondary school. The competition is open to ATU members and their children. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements established by the General Executive Board and these Rules and Procedures.

For each scholarship winner, the ATU International will deposit either, up to \$8,000.00 with an accredited college, or up to \$2,000.00 with a technical or vocational post-secondary school where the award winner has registered and will be attending.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be either:
 - a member of the ATU in good standing;
 - the child (whether natural or legally adopted) or stepchild of an ATU member in good standing; or
 - the child (whether natural or legally adopted) or stepchild of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of his or her death.
2. Applicants must be high school seniors planning to enter college (or technical or vocational post-secondary school) for the first time following graduation during the 2022-2023 school year, or previous graduates from high school who have never undertaken post-secondary schooling.
3. ATU Scholarships are NOT available to the following persons:
 - those who do not intend to work without interruption for a bachelor's degree or graduation from a technical or vocational school
 - those who are attending or have already attended college, technical or vocational school
 - spouses and/or grandchildren of a member
 - ATU International Officers, International Representatives, staff, and other employees or their dependents
 - those who are fully funded for tuition, fees, books, and from other sources

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Valid applications for the ATU Scholarship Program **MUST** include the following:

1. Completed Official Application Form
2. Secondary School Report
3. Biographical Questionnaire
4. Written essay

THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Official application forms can be obtained from any ATU local union, or contact **Kayla Warner**, at the ATU Scholarship Program Office, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903, Tel: (toll free) 1-301-431-7100 ext. 232, or email (kwarners@atu.org). You may also use the copy of the application published in our *In Transit* magazine or download a copy from our website. www.ATU.org.
2. Completed applications must be sent, via first-class mail, to the ATU Scholarship Program Office, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903-1706.
3. Applications must be **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2023**. Late applications will not be accepted.
4. Upon receipt of the application by the ATU Scholarship Program Office, applicants will receive the following materials by return mail:
 1. Secondary school report form
 2. Biographical Questionnaire
 3. Bibliography of suggested references for the essay

SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT

1. Applicants and/or their parent, or legal guardian must sign the authorization statement for the release of the information requested in the Secondary School Report form.
2. The form should then be presented for completion to the principal or headmaster of the secondary school attended by the applicant.
3. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that this form is returned by the secondary school to the ATU Scholarship Program Office, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903-1706. These forms must be **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2023.**

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Applicants must complete this form in its entirety.
2. Questionnaires must be returned, preferably with the Applicant's essay, to the ATU Scholarship Program Office, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903-1706, **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2023.**

ESSAY

1. Applicants are required to write an essay of not less than 500 words nor more than 750 words on the subject:

**Organized Labors' Contribution to the Welfare of
the People of the United States**

for residents of the United States

or

**Organized Labours' Contribution to the Welfare
of the People of Canada**

for residents of Canada. Canadian essays may be submitted in either French or English.

NOTE: *We wish to also alert participants that the essay is not only evaluated on the above thought, but also on the contents--facts and arguments--that are presented as evidence to show that the student understands the process and also how the measurement benefits everyone, whether they are union members or not. We also wish to point out that grammar, style, organization and presentation are evaluated.*

2. Essays must be sent, preferably with the Biographical Questionnaire, via first-class mail, to the ATU Scholarship Program Office, 10000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20903-1706, **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2023.**

DEADLINES

All deadlines will be strictly enforced. Any application that is incomplete or is not received timely will not be considered.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The ATU International shall appoint a Selection Committee of community, academic, and labor leaders. No ATU officer, member, staff or employee shall participate in the final selection process.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of their scholastic record, involvement in community and extra-curricular activities, and the quality of the essay submitted.

The committee shall select five scholarship winners and five alternates, and one technical or vocational scholarship winner and alternate.

Decisions of the Selection Committee shall be final. Announcement of the winners and alternates will be made shortly after the selection is completed.

If a recipient is disqualified due to failure to fulfill all ATU Scholarship Program requirements, the ATU Scholarship will be awarded to the next qualified alternate.

The recipient(s) will be notified by mail of their award and will also be given a form to complete in order to obtain the scholarship funds. Upon the return of the required information, a check will be issued to the university or vocational school in the appropriate amount. The award will be restricted to the payment of tuition, books and associated fees.