



January 11, 2023

Applications are now being accepted for the
Michael E. Shampine Memorial Scholarship

The 2023 scholarship will be in the amount of
\$1,000.00

Established by his union family to honor the memory of Michael E. Shampine, this fund is designed to provide a scholarship to an affiliated union member, or an immediate family member, who plans to enroll in continuing education.

The scholarship will assist with enrollment in a degree program, qualified trades apprenticeship, or vocational school. The ideal recipient will be recognized as having a desire to succeed by demonstrating strengths in leadership, community and political awareness.

All applications shall be due on **March 1, 2023** and shall be mailed to:

Michael E. Shampine Memorial Scholarship
c/o Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly
P.O. Box 2847 - Decatur, Illinois 62524

Questions may be directed to Scholarship Chair, Amy Rueff, at 217-433-5126.

Eligibility: Any graduate of a 4-year high school that is a union member or related to a union member who is affiliated with Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly, AFL-CIO. Eligible applicants include: union member, spouse, child or legal guardianship.

Application Process: Application shall be filled out and submitted by March 1, 2023. The applicant will be required to do an interview on or before April 15, 2023 and will be required to write a short (300-500 words) essay due at the time of the interview. The essay is to include an interview with a local union member (can be a relative) and should include the positive effects of unionism on their life.

Selection Criteria: Recipient will be determined based on application, interview and essay. Financial needs and high school grades are not considered. No limits on the number of applicants from each union. The ideal recipient will be recognized as having a desire to succeed by demonstrating strengths in leadership, community involvement and political awareness.

Notification / Recognition: Applicants will be notified by May 1, 2023. Scholarship winner will be recognized in the annual Labor Day parade and requested to ride in a car provided by the central labor council. Scholarship will be paid to the educational institution.

About the Michael E. Shampine Memorial Scholarship

Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly is currently accepting applications for the **2023 Michael E. Shampine Memorial Scholarship** for union families. This scholarship was created in honor of Shampine's outstanding service and commitment to the labor movement.

As president of our central labor council, Michael Shampine was a true visionary and believed that in order for our labor movement to grow we must continuously invest ourselves in our unions, our community and the political process. In honor of his service in Macon County, we are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to assist affiliated union members and their children in pursuit of their educational goals.

Michael E. Shampine was a 1969 graduate of Lakeview High School in Decatur, Illinois. After service in the United States Air Force, he began a career as a member of the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers, Local 92. In 1989, he was elected to the office of Business Agent / Financial Secretary for the Local and remained in that position until 2007.

In the year 2000, Mike was elected as President of Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly, a central labor council of the AFL-CIO. He was a strategic leader who worked tirelessly to lead the organization to new heights. Under his leadership the central labor council erected the Workers' Memorial Monument, hosted the Community Labor Celebration, and improved their political involvement to include more than 400 volunteers on Election Day.

He was active in community organizations such as United Way, Decatur Area Labor Management Committee, Decatur Building & Construction Trades, Decatur Dropout Task Force, Project Success, Decatur Housing Authority, and much more. He was appointed to many city boards involving labor and community development, served as precinct committeeman and ran for City Council in 2004. In December 2007, he was posthumously given Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Shampine's loyalty and community participation set a high standard of conduct that served as an inspiration. The difference he made through involvement in the Decatur labor movement and community will be remembered for years to come.

Michael E. Shampine was born July 18, 1951 and died January 6, 2007.

2023 Michael E. Shampine Memorial Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ 2nd Phone: _____
_____ E-Mail: _____

Qualifying Union Member's Name, Int'l Union and Local: _____
Relation to Applicant: _____

High School from which you graduated: _____

Educational Institution where you plan to enroll: _____

What will your goals be at this institution? _____

Leadership Qualities (List associations, groups, clubs, etc. that you have been involved with):

Community Involvement (List community projects, organizations, etc. that you have been involved with):

Political Awareness (List activities that you have been involved with):

Are you registered to vote? Yes No

If no, do you plan to register? Yes No

Honors and Awards (List any honors, awards or recognition you have received):

Declaration of Eligibility

Sponsoring Union Member (for applicants who are not union member)

I know this applicant and believe him/her to be worthy of this award. _____

Signature of applicant's parent or guardian

Union Verification (for all applicants)

The following two (2) signatures by our union officers are to verify that the qualifying union member is a member in good standing and we approve this application.

International Union, Local #

Signature of union officer

Signature of union officer

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Applicant is required to attend an interview and write an essay on or before April 15, 2023. Details will be mailed.