



American Federation of Government Employees® (AFGE), Local 704 announces its 2018 Scholarship Essay Competition

The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) ® is the largest federal employee union that offers legal representation, legislative advocacy and other services to government workers nationwide and overseas. AFGE Local 704 has established five \$1000.00 scholarships to provide financial support to 12th grade high school students or college students who desire to excel in their educational career. The criteria for the Scholarship Essay Competition are outlined below:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. A high school senior or college student with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) based on a 4.0 GPA scale is eligible to apply. A copy of most recent report card or unofficial/official transcripts would be needed to verify CGPA.
2. A photocopy of a valid school identification of current enrollment.
3. A letter of recommendation from a school official (counselor, teacher, principal, Dean of Students, etc.).
4. A 1,000-word, double-spaced, typed essay on the topic: *“What would you say in defending a citizen’s rights to a clean and healthy environment and what efforts would you recommend to influence legislators or the public to take action to address environmental concerns that will achieve accountability and restoration?”*
5. Applicants are not eligible if they have received two prior scholarship awards.
6. **The applicant or a parent/legal guardian must be a member of AFGE, Local 704.**

SUBMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS

The completed application and all required documents must be postmarked by close of business on **Friday, May 18, 2018** to the following address:



AFGE Local 704
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 0799
Chicago, IL 60690-0799



All information will be kept confidential. To receive the application and for additional information, contact AFGE Local 704, Attention: **Shari Holloway, Chair, Scholarship Committee** at 312-886-6778 or holloway.shari@epa.gov

**The winners will be notified by Friday, June 8, 2018
by the Scholarship Committee.**