



Shirley J. Gold Scholarship

(For members planning to pursue higher education)
AFT-Oregon, AFT, AFL-CIO

One-time \$1,000 scholarship application

Thank you for inquiring about the Shirley J. Gold Scholarship of \$1,000, awarded to an AFT-Oregon member who is pursuing higher education at an accredited higher education institution.

From innovative teacher and union leader to inspiring legislator, Shirley J. Gold spent her life working for human rights. She served seven years as president of Local 111, then

called Portland Federation of Teachers. Later, she served as President of AFT-Oregon (then called Oregon Federation of Teachers) for five years. She was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1980 and served the next 16 years as a public servant including eight years in the House and eight in the Senate. Legislative accomplishments include: the first regulatory laws in areas of domestic violence, managed health care, nuclear and solid waste disposal, hate crimes, pre-kindergarten training, improved nursing home practices, and principle of fair taxation.

Program eligibility

- Must be an AFT-Oregon member. ("Fair Share" payers are not members)
- Enrolling in a college, university or trade program during the 2013-14 academic year.
- PLEASE NOTE: AFT Local 5017 (OFNHP) is classified as a Regional Council; and Local 6732 (OSEA) is considered a direct affiliate of AFT. Neither are AFT-Oregon affiliates, and members of these Locals are not eligible.

Deadlines

January 15, 2013

Last day to request scholarship application packet

JANUARY 31, 2013

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
POSTMARK DEADLINE**

March, 2013

Recipient announced

April 13, 2013

Award presented at
AFT-Oregon Convention
in Sunriver

Instructions and checklist

Please complete the Application Form, the Writing Assignment, and provide a letter of reference.

_____ **Application form.** Complete all questions. Leave a question blank only if not applicable and indicate by inserting "n/a." Sign the application.

_____ **Writing assignment.** Complete the assignment as directed. ***Don't forget the certification of original composition.***

_____ **The Reference.** Have a Local official of your choice fill out the information in the box provided on the application. You will also need to include a letter from your Local president, or another Local official who knows you, stating why you deserve this award.

_____ **Deadline.** Return completed forms to: **AFT-Oregon Scholarship Program, 7035 SW Hampton St., Tigard, OR 97223.** All parts of your application must be **postmarked by JANUARY 31, 2013.** If delivered by other than the U.S. Mail, all materials must be received in the AFT-Oregon office by **5:00 P.M., JANUARY 31, 2013.** **Late materials will not be considered.**



APPLICATION FORM

Shirley J. Gold Scholarship 2013
AFT-Oregon, AFT, AFL-CIO

Name

Address

Home phone

Email address

School to be attended

AFT-Oregon Local name/number

Employer

Work phone

In order to make this application complete, you must sign the following understanding.

"AFT-Oregon has my permission to speak with persons serving as references, and to verify any claims contained herein, including information about my education, employment and local membership status."

Applicant signature

Date

Writing Assignment

"How the union has affected my life, and how I would use the Shirley J. Gold Scholarship." Please incorporate the accredited higher education institution you plan to attend, the area of study you plan to specialize in and the career you plan to pursue with this education.

This paper should be typewritten and double spaced. If this is not possible, please use black ink and lined paper to write the essay. This will help with legibility, as the paper will be reproduced for the judges.

Your paper should be no shorter than two pages and no longer than four pages. Attach it to your application form and return by the deadline.

The end of your essay must include the following certification typed or handwritten by you, signed and dated:

"I hereby certify that the previous essay is an original composition created by me without assistance." Signed (Your Name) Date (Today's date)

Do not forget this step. Your essay will be considered incomplete if the certification is not included.

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Please have this section signed by a Local official of your choice. Also include a letter from your Local President, or another Local official who knows you, stating why you deserve this scholarship.

Local President

Local name and number

Local phone

Number of years applicant has been a member

Local officer's signature

Date