2020 Deirdre Mackey & Grace Misztal Scholarships

AFT-Oregon, AFL-CIO Application for
Two $1,500 Scholarships for Post-Secondary Education

One available to a member and the other available to a member’s dependent who are part of a marginalized community and/or demonstrate that their studies will work to advance the cause of social justice and the ending of discrimination.

Deirdre Mackey, Aft-Oregon Program Coordinator, passed away, along with her daughter Grace, in a tragic accident on December 25, 2017. Deirdre was dedicated to social justice and will be remembered as an individual who would mediate differences between others and seek to understand the values and experiences of people, always trying to identify and respect the sincerity and nobility that people brought to a cause or issue.

Program Eligibility

- Must be and AFT-Oregon Member
- Must be enrolled or enrolling in an accredited higher education program.
- Must submit a completed application before the deadline.

Instructions

- Application – Complete all questions, if a question is not applicable please insert ‘n/a’. Be sure to sign the application.
- Writing Assignment – Complete the essay assignment as directed and don’t forget the certification at the end of the essay.
- Reference – Have a local officer fill out the “Local Officer Verification” along with a letter stating “Why you deserve this scholarship.”
- Deadline – All materials must be received, emailed or postmark stamped, by January 31, 2020
- Winners notified – March 31, 2020
- Award Presentation – To be determined by the AFT-Oregon Scholarship Commission.

Applications

Email completed materials to: karenb@aft-oregon.org or mail to AFT-Oregon Scholarship Program, 10228 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, Oregon 97219

Scholarship information and applications are available at www.aft-oregon.org
or contact Karen at 971-888-5665
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Application

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone: _____________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

AFT-Oregon Local Name: ______________________________ Local Number: _______________

Employer Name: ____________________________________ Job Title: _____________________

To complete the application please sign after reading the following statement: “AFT-Oregon
has my permission to speak with references, local officers and to verify any claims contained herein,
including information about employment, education and membership status.”

Applicant Signature: _______________________________________ Date: __________________

Writing Assignment

• Topic: “Why activism and advocacy is important to advance the cause of social justice and end
discrimination and demonstrate how your studies will work to address the issue.” Include
where you plan to attend school, area of study and career you plan to pursue with this
education.
• Paper should be typewritten, double spaced and no shorter than two pages and no longer than
four.
• The end of you essay must include the following certification, be signed and dated: “I hereby
certify that this essay is an original composition created by me without assistance.”

Local Officer Verification

Include a letter of reference from a local officer of your union stating why you deserve this
scholarship. Also have a local officer sign this application.

Local Officer Signature: ______________________________ Date: ______________________

Officer Printed Name: ______________________________ Local: ________________________

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