



# 2021 Shirley J. Gold Scholarship

**AFT-Oregon, AFL-CIO Application for Members Planning to Further Their Education  
\$1,500 Scholarship Application**

**The Shirley J. Gold Scholarship is open to an AFT-Oregon member in good standing with their local and is looking to further their education.**

Shirley Gold was an innovative teacher and union leader who spent her life working for human rights. She served as President of Local 111 PFSP for 5 years, moved on to becoming President of AFT-Oregon and served 16 years in the Oregon House of Representatives.

## **Program Eligibility**

- Must be and AFT-Oregon Member.
- Must be enrolled or enrolling in an accredited higher education, trade or technical 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, 2021
- Winners notified – March 31, 2021
- Award Presentation – April 24, 2021 at the AFT-Oregon Convention.

## **Applications**

Email completed materials to: [karenb@aft-oregon.org](mailto: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](http://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 union activism is important and how I would use the scholarship." 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed application materials by January 31, 2021  
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