



# 2021 Albert F. Shanker Scholarship

AFT-Oregon, AFL-CIO

For students already attending college or a trade school program  
\$1,500 Scholarship Application

As President of AFT from 1974 to 1997, Albert Shanker worked to build a powerful union including not only teachers, but paraprofessionals, public employees and healthcare professionals. During his presidency, AFT tripled its membership and grew to more than 900,000 members in 1997.

## Program Eligibility

- Must be a child or grandchild of an AFT-Oregon member in good standing.
- Must be currently enrolled in an accredited higher education, trade or technical program and planning to continue in the next academic year.
- Must submit a completed application before the deadline.

## Instructions

- Application – Complete all questions, if a question is not applicable please insert 'n/a'.
- Writing Assignment – Complete the essay assignment as directed and don't forget the certification at the end of the essay.
- Reference – You must provide at least two. They should be an adult who knows you well, such as teachers or community leaders, and can attest to your outstanding qualities. Provide your references with an official reference sheet. Completed references can be sent with the application or separately, but must be received by the deadline.
- Transcripts – Include a copy of your most recent transcript from your current college or education program. If you are a freshman please include your final high school transcript.
- 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



**2021 Albert F. Scholarship  
Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian/Grandparent: \_\_\_\_\_

AFT-Oregon Local Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**To complete the application, you and your Parent/Guardian/Grandparent must 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Grandparent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Writing Assignment**

This scholarship is being offered by a labor union of which your Parent/Guardian/Grandparent is a member.

- Topic: "In your own words describe the influence of AFT-Oregon or the local in your life."
- 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."

Submit completed application materials by January 31, 2021  
Email to: [karenb@aft-oregon.org](mailto:karenb@aft-oregon.org) or mail to:  
AFT-Oregon Scholarship Program,  
10228 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, OR 97219



**2021 Albert F. Shanker Scholarship  
Application (Continued)**

**High School Graduating From:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College/Trade School/Technical Program you currently attend:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Year in School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you plan to attend the same school next academic year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not, where do you plan to attend and why are you changing:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**School and/or community activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Volunteer Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Are you employed?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Where:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How will this scholarship help further your education?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What are your goals after completing school?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2021 Albert F. Shanker Scholarship  
REFERENCE**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant named above is applying for a scholarship offered through a program of AFT-Oregon. They are requesting you to provide us with a reference to be used in processing their application. Please provide a letter describing in detail how you know the applicant and why they would be a good candidate for the scholarship. Please include this page with your reference.

We must receive your reference by **January 31, 2021** in order to be considered with the applicant's application.

Reference material can be submitted via email to: [karenb@aft-oregon.org](mailto:karenb@aft-oregon.org). Please type in the subject line "Shanker Scholarship Reference for [applicant's name]." or mail to: AFT-Oregon Scholarship Program, 10228 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, OR 97219