

**LOCAL 698
OF
CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
DORMITORY AUTHORITY CHAPTER
515 BROADWAY, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207**

**RICHARD E. HOHN
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARD**

**APPLICATION
SPRING SEMESTER 2017**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE
December 28, 2016
By 4:30 p.m.**

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PURPOSE

CSEA Local 698 offers the Richard E. Hohn Educational Assistance Awards for the primary purpose of assisting individual members, agency shop fee payers, dependents, spouses and domestic partners who are interested in meeting their higher education goals, and could benefit from the financial assistance of Local 698.

The award may be utilized, but is not limited to, tuition, fees, books, transportation, child care, equipment, and software as it pertains to the post-secondary course(s) the applicant is taking.

ADMINISTRATION

CSEA Local 698 will administer the Richard E. Hohn Educational Assistance Awards through an “independent Committee” (a.k.a. Panel of Judges). The Committee will evaluate the Applicants’ submissions anonymously and will only consider information as it relates to the requirements listed in the Application. Please be certain to conceal any identifying information from the supporting documentation to ensure anonymity. All information will be held strictly confidential. The decision of the Committee will be final.

AWARDS

Local 698 is pleased to offer up to ten (10) awards.

- 1st Place - \$1,000
- 2nd Place - \$800
- 3rd Place - \$700
- 4th thru 10th Place - \$500

Awards distributed for the 2017 Spring Semester will not exceed \$6,000.

ELIGIBILITY

All current members of Local 698, Local 698 agency shop fee payers, their dependents, and spouses or domestic partners are eligible. Eligibility is determined as of application submission deadlines.

Applicants must be pursuing post-Secondary coursework beginning in the Spring 2017 semester. Examples of post-Secondary coursework include, but are not limited to: college level classes – either for credit or non-credit; most continuing education courses; professional license continuing education, and courses of personal interests. Please see Local 698 President for further clarification on course eligibility.

Award recipients may not *receive* two consecutive awards. There is a mandatory waiting period of one (1) semester (excluding summer session) after which eligibility is restored.

Before an award is issued, recipients **MUST** provide proof, acceptable to Local 698, that they are enrolled for the coursework described in their application. Please contact your school's Registrar's or Business Office for an "Enrollment Verification" letter.

ANONYMITY

To ensure anonymity, please be certain to conceal any identifying information when addressing the required questions and required essay. Do not disclose or make reference to your name, address, employee/member name, employer, school or any other information that may reveal your identity. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification of the application. The decision of Local 698 is final.

It is acceptable to use your personal return address on the external "mailing envelope".

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The application process consists of one (1) part. In order to fulfill the requirements of the Richard E. Hohn Educational Assistance Award, applicants are required to complete a well-composed original essay on the specific topic indicated below.

REQUIRED ESSAY –WEIGHTED 100%

Applicants must personally compose and submit an original detailed essay, in proper essay format, which fully addresses the following:

Labor union membership has seen a precipitous decline in recent years and the prevailing wisdom is that it may never recover from a peak in the 1950s where roughly 35 percent of the workforce was unionized. Still, even with its waning membership, labor unions continue to exert influence driving work and labor policy. In the age of a shared economy and increased automation, it's possible employer-employee tensions may spark greater demand and relevancy for unions. What efforts are being made by labor union to save the working class? Do you feel that those efforts will be effective, and why?

Essays must be typed, double-spaced, using Times Roman, 11 point font and not more than 2 pages in length. Proper use of grammar and sentence structure will be considered in making an award.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please read the following instructions carefully:

1. Read the Application instructions and complete the Application Cover Sheet
2. Attach a copy of the enrolled course and/or description of enrolled program for the semester, from the school catalog or website, to the Application Cover Sheet. Attach proof of enrollment.
3. Place the Application Cover Sheet and attached information in a sealed envelope. DO NOT write any information on this envelope.
4. Attach the envelope to the front of the Essay.
5. Place the sealed envelope and attached essay in a mailing envelope addressed to:

CSEA Local 698
Liz Moran, President
515 Broadway
Albany, NY 12201
ATTN: HOHN AWARDS

OR hand delivered and marked PERSONAL to President Liz Moran. If sending in this manner, you MUST still follow the above steps for submission.

DO NOT use DASNY materials (envelopes, etc.) to submit applications.

CSEA large envelopes are available by contacting
President Liz Moran or Treasurer Maria Merced (NYCO)

Received Submissions/Deadlines

- ***Applications must be postmarked or personally delivered no later than December 28, 2016. Applications received after this post marked date will not be considered.***
- ***Local 698 President will review all applications to ensure that they meet all requirements.***
- ***Local 698 President will assign a control number to each Application Cover Sheet and corresponding Essay, and detach the Cover Sheet from the Essay.***
- ***Essays will be provided to the Committee for review and scoring.***
- ***After the Committee makes award recommendations, the Local 698 President will reveal the list of award recipients, and will notify all Applicants as to their Application status.***

DEADLINE

- ***Application-required documentation must be postmarked or personally delivered no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 28, 2016. Incomplete or late applications received after this date will be disqualified and will not be considered. The decision of Local 698 is final.***

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please email Kelly Whitbeck at Kellz@aol.com.

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Control #:

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

1. READ the Application Submission Instructions and Complete the Application Cover Sheet.
2. Place the completed Application Cover Sheet with personal identifiable information and copy of course and program description in an envelope; seal it and staple the sealed envelope to the front of the Essay.
3. DO NOT identify yourself on the Essay – only on the Application Cover Sheet.
4. Submit the completed Application to CSEA Local 698, P.O. Box 946, Albany, NY 12201, Attn: HOHN AWARDS

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Please print)

APPLICANT STATUS

- Member Fee Payer Dependent Spouse/Domestic Partner

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

EMAIL _____

If the applicant is a Dependent or Spouse/Partner, **you MUST provide the name of the Local 698 Member/Agency Shop Fee Payer?**

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____

INSTITUTION'S ADDRESS _____

PROGRAM/EXAM TITLE(S) _____

COURSE/EXAM DESCRIPTION(S): MUST attach to this sheet

DEGREE PROGRAM (if applicable): MUST attach a description

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT: If you are currently enrolled in a program or at an institution, attach a confirmation of enrollment. Proof of enrollment MUST be received prior to distribution of an award.

PROOF OF DOMESTIC PARTNER: The NYS Department of Civil Service [Employee Benefits](#) Division defines domestic partnerships as "same or opposite sex partners with whom they reside and have a committed, long term relationship of mutual support, and for whom they have assumed long term financial responsibility or have mutual financial responsibility. Applicants who are a domestic partner MUST attach proof of residence. Acceptable documents are utility bills, phone bills, insurance statements, renter's agreement, a copy of driver's license, etc.