

CFL News

William A. Lee Memorial Scholarships Available for 2020

Each year the Chicago Federation of Labor awards 10 college scholarships, valued at \$2,000 each, to high school seniors through the William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship was created in October 1957 to demonstrate Labor's commitment to stand in solidarity with students as they continue their educational pursuits. In a letter to CFL-affiliated unions, then-President William A. Lee, wrote, "The Chicago Federation of Labor and its affiliated members have always been dedicated to the cause of higher education and are therefore pleased to provide assistance to the children of union members who wish to

avail themselves of an opportunity to attend college." The scholarship was originally named in honor of the CFL's first President, John Fitzpatrick. He was president from 1906 until his death in 1946. At the time, four scholarships were awarded to two men and two women who were outstanding students among their peers.

In January 1985, a new scholarship program was approved by the CFL to provide 10 scholarships, at \$2,000 each, and they continue to be awarded today. The name was changed to honor William A. Lee, President of the CFL from 1946 until his death in 1984.



WILLIAM A. LEE

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE WILLIAM A. LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline to Apply:

- Completed applications must be received by the CFL by Monday, Feb. 10, 2020.
- Applications may be dropped off at 180 N. Stetson Ave., Chicago, IL 60601 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Mailed applications must be postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020.
- The funds may be used at any accredited college or university in the United States.

Applicants:

- The applicant must be a senior in high school and graduating in the spring of 2020.
- Either the applicant or the applicant's parent must be a member in good standing of a CFL-affiliated union.
- To confirm a union's affiliation status, please call 312.222.1000.