



Southwest Suburban
Federation of Teachers
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Local 943 Scholarship

Every year the Southwest Suburban Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 943 awards two scholarships in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) each.

The applicant must be the child of a currently employed, active member in good standing of Local 943; or the child of a member of Local 943's retiree chapter; or the child of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of death.

The applicant must be a member of a public high school graduation class and enrolling in a public college or university (including community colleges).

Selection will be made on the basis of these five criteria:

1. Official scores on the ACT/SAT entrance examinations
2. Record of extra-curricular activities and community service
3. Two (2) letters of references by members of the staff of the student's high school where he/she is currently enrolled
4. A personal statement of no more than 100 words that answers the prompt.
 - a. Why do you believe you are deserving of this scholarship? The response should effectively convey reflection of personal experiences and an authentic voice that captures the student's personality.
5. An essay of at least 200 words which answers the prompt.
 - a. Labor unions have affected change for workers for over a century. Our union of professionals champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. Additionally at Local 943 we believe in diversity, dedication, and determination. How do your future aspirations support any of these ideals?

*As you prepare your scholarship application, we want to clarify an important guideline: **AI tools may be used to assist with brainstorming or refining your personal statements and essays, but they cannot be the sole author.** Your submission must reflect your authentic voice, experiences, and perspectives, with AI serving only as a tool to enhance your writing.*

These components will be examined by the Scholarship Committee whose decision will be final. The scholarship is unrestricted as to race, religion, political affiliation, financial status, or course of study.

**Deadline to apply for the 2025 Local 943 Scholarship is
4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2025**

Applications and paperwork must be turned in to Local 943 by mail (by the deadline), or to the Local 943 Office at 15521 S. 70th Court, Orland Park, IL 60462. Office Hours: Monday through Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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APPLICATION

AFT Local 943 Scholarship
15521 S. 70th Court, Orland Park, IL 60462
(708) 633-0943, Fax: (708) 633-0944

Please type or print clearly:

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Name of applicant's parent who is a member: _____

Place of parent's employment for verification: _____

Name of **public** high school applicant attends: _____

Address of high school: _____

Public college or university (includes community college) applicant will be attending:

I hereby apply for the AFT Local 943 Scholarship and agree to abide by the decision of the Scholarship Committee and published in its announcement.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

FOR SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION PURPOSES ONLY
Verification of Union Membership

(Union Official)

(Title)

(Date)