

Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council AFL-CIO

of Erie & Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Community Services Committee

Affiliated with
American Federation of Labor and
Congress of Industrial Organizations



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Dear Guidance Counselors,

The Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council is a coalition of Labor Unions from Erie and Crawford Counties affiliated with the AFL-CIO. Each year, our **Community Services Committee** offers **two scholarships in the amount of \$750** to graduating seniors who are members or dependants of members in good standing of Unions affiliated with this Council. We realize that these are not huge scholarships, but this money is awarded directly to the students to use at their discretion for books or incidentals without forfeiting any other financial aid.

The Theo Sabin Meyer Memorial Scholarship is awarded to honor the memory of an outstanding woman who was an educator, a political activist and a union activist.

The Thomas D. Melms Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by Attorney Donald Wright and his wife Gayle (former State Representative and City Councilwoman) in honor of her father. He was a Unionist and community services leader with a passion for education.

Each scholarship requires the submission of a 500 word essay on an assigned topic. Eligibility is clearly explained on the applications. Applicants are permitted and encouraged to apply for both. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 19th.** Awards will be presented at our **44th Annual Community Services Dinner** which will be held on **Saturday May 8th, 2010 at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons Club, located at 431 E. 3rd Street in Erie.**

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND APPLICATIONS FOR THE THEO SABIN MEYER AND THE THOMAS D. MELMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS. We are asking for your assistance in reaching out to those students who may qualify. Please feel free to make as many copies as you need, but be careful to include the line for the Local Union Officer's signature. Thank You.

Sincerely,

William Reynolds & Tom Wagner
Community Services Committee Co-Chairs

THEO SABIN MEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Theo Sabin Meyer

Theo Sabin Meyer was an educator far ahead of her times. Her spirit, courage, and willingness to speak out on issues of importance to both her ad the community, were limitless. After her marriage to Ludwig Meyer and leaving teaching, she organized the Erie Chapter of the Women's International League, thus began her work in the labor movement. The work of the League drew the attention of the AFL and the CIO and they approached her to offer help. Her work in the labor movement reached far beyond the boundaries of Erie and included such things as helping the miners organize in Aliquippa She spoke out and fought for the rights of many groups she felt were getting the short end of the stick, such as women, miners, and children forced to work at to young of an age. Her aspirations for change brought her to the forefront in politics too.

A champion in all that she did resulted in her giving speeches for Franklin D Roosevelt. We in labor owe her a great deal and this scholarship in her memory seems a fitting tribute to this outstanding woman.

This scholarship is sponsored by

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE, ERIE-CRAWFORD CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

AWARD - \$750.00

ELIGIBILITY

Student who will graduate from high school in 2010. Award recipient must be accepted or registered as a full-time student in a post-secondary program. The applicant must be a union member, or a dependent child of a union member, or grandchild residing in the home of a union member in good standing of a local union affiliated with the Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

PURPOSE

To foster an understanding of the Labor Movement's vital contributions to this nation's economic, social and political fabric.

TO ENTER

Submit a 500-word essay. Topic : **WHAT HAVE UNIONS CONTRIBUTED TO AMERICAN SOCIETY?** Essays must be typewritten (in Blue or Black Ink), double spaced on 8½" x 11" white paper, and void of identification. Please attach this completed scholarship application form to your essay and mail to:

Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
1701 State St.
Erie, Pa. 16501

Essays can be e-mailed (if typed in MS Word) to eriecrawfordclc@aol.com but the original printed essay and application form with signatures must still be mailed for verification of union affiliation.

Submission deadline: Friday, March 19, 2010

Presentation: Saturday May 8, 2010

THEO SABIN MEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student's Name _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

High School _____ Address _____

Post -Secondary Institution _____

Name of Union Member _____ Union Affiliation _____
Circle Relationship of Union Member (Grandparent / Father / Mother / or Self) (Local Union Name & Number)

Local Union Official's Signature _____ Title _____

THOMAS D. MELMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP # 1

Application for Graduating Seniors



Thomas D Melms

This scholarship is in memory of my father, Thomas D Melms. He was active in his church, unions (IAM & UAW), and community. His passion for education and community service led him to take on many leadership roles in his lifetime, including Executive Director of the United Way of St. Clair County for 23 years. He felt strongly that education was the key to success. My Husband, Don and I could think of no more fitting way to honor his life than continue his work and offer this scholarship in his name.

This scholarship is awarded to a senior beginning their journey into the system of higher education.



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Former Rep. Gayle Wright

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