



LES BEST

Who was Les Best?

Les Best was an Ohio Civil Service Employees Association state officer and former math teacher at the Ohio Veterans Children's Home. Believing in OCSEA's dedication to improving the quality of life for its members and their children, Les felt an obligation to promote higher education and training.

In 1989, he proposed that OCSEA begin a scholarship for the children of active members and retirees.

Les Best died that same year, having served OCSEA for 10 years as an officer and 22 years as a member of its Board of Directors. Les was loved by many and his memory and dedication lives on through the Les Best Scholarship.

Les Best SCHOLARSHIP 2012



Application for the Les Best Members' College Scholarship

For members who are full-time or part-time undergraduate students or who will begin studies in the fall – either two \$1000 awards or four \$500 awards for fall of 2012.

PAT
CALLANAN-
CASTRO
Memorial Book
Scholarship



Additionally, members submitting a completed Members' College Les Best Scholarship application will also be considered for one of two \$250 scholarships for textbooks, made possible through the Pat Callanan-Castro Memorial Book Fund.

Scholarship Deadline:

APRIL 30, 2012



About the program...

Jan. – April, 2012

Dear Les Best Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the 2012 Les Best Scholarship Fund.

This brochure contains everything you need to apply for this scholarship. To be eligible for scholarship awards, qualified applicants must submit all required application materials. Use the checklist on this page to make sure you have all the requested requirements. You are strongly encouraged to write the required essay early to avoid getting "bogged down" near the deadline. The selection committee members report that they enjoy reading essays that include personal experiences in addition to ones that draw from historical data or current trends.

The Les Best Scholarship deadline is approaching. All required application materials must be received **no later than April 30, 2012.**

Should you have questions or would need to discuss special circumstances, call OCSEA at 800-969-4702 or locally, 614-865-4733 and refer to the Les Best Scholarship.

We wish you the best as you seek to further your education.

Doug Mosier

Public Relations & Membership
Committee Chair
The Les Best Scholarship Fund

A group of distinguished educators and labor union representatives not affiliated with OCSEA comprise the Scholarship Selection Committee. This independent committee will select the eight to ten scholarship recipients. Their decisions are final. To receive consideration, all completed application packets must be submitted and postmarked **no later than April 30, 2012.**

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Members' College Scholarship

Checklist

- 1. Complete the application form**

Include the requested last four digits of your **Social Security number** (OCSEA requires only the last four digits of members' Social Security numbers.)

Don't overlook No. 8 on the application: name and address of educational institution. We must have this information.
- 2. Submit acceptance letter or proof of enrollment for the Fall of 2012**

If you haven't been accepted to an institution of higher learning yet, please give proof of application and estimated date of acceptance notification.
- 3. Submit an essay**

Type a 500-1,000 word essay on white 8 1/2" x 11" paper on the following: **"What would have been the impact of Senate Bill 5/Issue 2 on Ohio workers and what role did OCSEA play in its defeat?"**

The scholarship essays are a **major** part of the selection process. You are encouraged to draw from personal experiences. Examples that demonstrate how this issue would have affected working American families are helpful. Students should talk to their parent OCSEA member to shape ideas and to share stories about unionism.
- 4. Submit the Academic/Professional Reference form in this packet**

Ask a person who can be a reference whether it be a boss you've worked for, your college advisor, or course instructor/professor to **complete the Academic/Professional Reference** form included in this packet. They may either return it to you to send in with the rest of your application materials, or they may send it directly to OCSEA.
- 5. Meet the application deadline**

All application materials must be sent to **OCSEA Les Best Scholarship Fund 390 Worthington Road- Ste. A Westerville, OH 43082**

All application materials must be postmarked **no later than April 30, 2012.**

Members' College Scholarship Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. Member applicant name: _____ Member last 4 digits of SS# (required): _____
2. Date of birth: _____
3. Agency: _____
4. Member address: _____ Apt. no. _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone: () - Work phone: () - Home e-mail: _____
5. High school: _____ Graduation date: _____
Other/post secondary: _____ Graduation date: _____
6. Union leadership, community or academic/extra-curricular activities (past or present)?

7. List offices held and honors received through union, community and academic/extra-curricular activities:

8. Name of educational institution: _____
Address: _____
Scholarship office phone: _____
9. Your projected college graduation date? Month: Year: _____
10. College major/minor or area of study? _____
11. Name of your hometown/local newspaper: _____
Newspaper phone: () - _____
12. Member's signature: _____ Date: _____

SELECTION COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Member College Scoring

Essay _____ x 9 = _____

Community Service
_____ x 5 = _____

Total _____

Academic reference

Due April 30, 2012.

Return to applicant before this deadline or mail directly to:

**OCSEA LES BEST SCHOLARSHIP FUND
390 WORTHINGTON ROAD - STE.A
WESTERVILLE, OH 43082**

Dear Scholarship Reference:

The individual who provided this form to you is an applicant for an Ohio Civil Service Employees Association Les Best Scholarship. OCSEA/AFSCME Local 11 represents 35,000 state and other public employees. To learn more about our labor union, visit www.ocsea.org. To aid the selection process, the Scholarship Selection Committee must obtain the following information regarding the applicant's character, abilities and performance. The information will be used only by the Scholarship Selection Committee. If more space is needed, please attach a sheet. You may give this form back to the applicant or mail it to OCSEA yourself (address above) postmarked by April 30, 2012. Thank you.

1. Applicant's name: _____

2. Your name: _____ Job title: _____

3. School/Organization: _____
Address: _____

College/phone: () - _____

4. How long have you known the applicant?

5. What is your general evaluation of the applicant's character academically/personally?

6. Sometimes special circumstances should be considered when evaluating applicant's professional and academic achievements, records and test scores. If there are any, please specify.

Signature: _____ Date: _____