



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, Best 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. Best was loved by many and his memory and dedication lives on through the Les Best Scholarship.

\$12,000 in awards!



OCSEA Les Best Scholarship 2017

Application for the Les Best Dependents' College/Vocational Scholarship

For OCSEA members' dependents who are undergraduate students entering or already enrolled fulltime in a college or university; or students entering or enrolled fulltime in a vocational, trade or technical school or a union apprenticeship. Four \$2,000 awards OR three \$2,000 awards and two \$1,000 awards for the 2017/2018 school year beginning in the fall.



Scholarship Deadline: April 30, 2017

About the program...

Dear Les Best Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 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, 2017**.

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

OCSEA Public Relations & Membership
Committee Chair, Les Best Scholarship Fund

3. Submit an essay

Type a 500-1,000 word essay on a white 8 1/2” x 11” paper on the following: **“The right to vote is a basic democratic right in this country. But some politicians have made it more difficult for some people to vote. What are some of the ways Ohio politicians have suppressed the vote in this state? Why are voter suppression efforts a danger to democracy? What are some ways to ensure that everyone’s vote counts?”**

The scholarship essays are a **major** part of the selection process. We encourage you to draw from personal experiences, using examples demonstrating how this issue would affect working families like your own. Students should talk to their parent OCSEA member to shape ideas and to share stories about the dangers of voter suppression.

4. Submit the Academic/Professional Reference form in this packet

Ask your academic advisor, teacher/ professor, or colleague to complete the Academic/ Professional Reference form 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. Provide a transcript

All students applying for this scholarship must obtain either an official high school transcript, if you are graduating this Spring, or a college transcript from the college you are currently attending.

Transcripts should be sent to OCSEA Les Best Scholarship Fund. (Please allow your college records office at least two weeks to process your request.)

6. Submit additional academic achievement records

(graduating high school seniors only. Not applicable for students enrolling in vocational, trade or technical schools.)

Submit the results of your Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), or American College Test (ACT). The scores can be reported directly to OCSEA.

- On registration forms for the SAT, applicants should write the OCSEA code number **6446** in item 11a.
- On registration forms for the ACT, applicants should write the OCSEA code number **4802** in block “U.”
- Applicants may also write or call the testing organizations to have scores reported to OCSEA. The testing organizations may be reached at: ACT Records, P.O. Box 451, Iowa City, IA 52243, 319-337-1313; or College Board ATP, SAT Records, CN 6201, Princeton, NJ 08541-6201, 609-771-7600.
- Or you may send an original copy or a photocopy of your test scores. If the official SAT or ACT scores are recorded on the high school transcript, it is sufficient to simply highlight the results and eliminate the step of sending the scores separately.

7. 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, 2017**.

Dependents' College Scholarship

Checklist

1. Complete the application form

Include the requested Social Security information for the applicant and the member (OCSEA requires only the last four digits of members' Social Security numbers. Schools require full Social Security numbers of student recipients when processing the scholarship awards.)

Don't overlook No. 9 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 2017

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

Academic reference

Due April 30, 2017

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 27,000 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) by April 30, 2017. Thank you.

1. Applicant's name: _____

2. Your name: _____ Job title: _____

3. School/Organization/Affiliation: _____

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: _____