

YSU-OEA Union Scholarship Application

YSU-OEA, which is the YSU Faculty Union, seeks applicants for the annual Union Scholarship. The award will go to YSU undergraduate students who either write about a personal or family connection to the labor movement *or* create a personal reflection on the importance of unions, which may consist of an essay, a short story, a video, a work of art, or some other creative form of expression. There will be one first-place prize of \$1000 and two runner-up prizes of \$500. The scholarship aids in defraying academic expenses such as tuition, fees or books.* **Eligibility:** Awarded to current YSU students who have: completed a minimum of 31 semester hours and a GPA of 2.75 or higher if applying as a Sophomore (at least 31 s.h.); 3.00 or higher if applying as a Junior (at least 62 s.h.); or 3.25 or higher if applying as a Senior (at least 93 s.h.).

Deadline: March 1

To have your application considered complete, you must do the following:

- 1) Verify that you are eligible (see eligibility requirements above);
- 2) Either email this completed application form along with the rest of the application materials to: ysusolidarity@gmail.com (It is important to ensure that materials are uploaded properly and that all links sent will function for and are accessible to anyone who attempts to open them.) OR mail it with the rest of the application materials to YSU-OEA, Attn: 2nd Vice-President, 562 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44502;
- 3) Submit two signed letters of recommendation from YSU faculty on YSU letterhead. If letters are emailed, electronic signatures are acceptable and letters should be emailed directly from the instructors to the email address: ysusolidarity@gmail.com, making sure to include the student's full name in the subject line. If letters are mailed, they should be signed by hand and in sealed envelopes.
- 4) Unofficial YSU transcript (transcripts can be located in Banner and saved as a PDF file with the Print function);
- 5) Either submit an essay (500+ words) discussing: a. Applicant's personal/family affiliation(s) with organized labor and b. Applicant's educational/career plans; OR create a personal reflection on the importance of unions, which may consist of an essay, a short story, a video, a work of art, or some other creative form of expression. If an essay is submitted, it should be approximately 500 words and should reflect on why you feel unions are important and how they may play a role in your future educational/career plans. If you submit a short story, video, work of art, or some other creative form of expression, there is not any set format; however, any creative work should be accompanied by 1-2 paragraphs explaining how the work reflects the importance of unions.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

* Some students may be deemed ineligible if they earn above a certain amount in scholarships per year, as there is a maximum limit. That determination is made before granting awards and those students may reapply in subsequent years.

YSU-OEA Union Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ YSU Student ID: _____
High School: _____ Class rank: _____
GPA: _____ SAT/ACT Score: _____ Major: _____
College: _____ Semester hours completed: ____ GPA: ____

I affirm that I have (**check all blanks**):

- _____ Met the eligibility requirements;
_____ Filled this application form completely;
_____ Submitted two signed letters of reference from YSU faculty members on YSU letterhead;
_____ Included an unofficial copy of my YSU transcript;
_____ Written a 500+ word essay on my union heritage and educational/career plans OR created a personal reflection on the importance of unions; and
_____ Double checked to make sure that all electronic documents are uploaded properly, that all required documents have been sent, and that all links sent will function for and are accessible to anyone who attempts to open them.

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

Questions may be directed to: ysusolidarity@gmail.com.

Completed applications may be emailed to: ysusolidarity@gmail.com or mailed to:
YSU-OEA, Attn: 2nd Vice-President, 562 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44502
Phone: 330-747-1756