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Memo

To: Central Labor Councils  
From: Ed Sills, Director of Communications, Texas AFL-CIO  
Re: 2009-10 Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Program

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

The 2009-10 Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Program is under way. We are enclosing some applications, the timeline for this year and the instructions students will receive when they apply.

Later, we will send a somewhat revised version of the scholarship test and materials for students to read to prepare for the test and interview process.

Because the usual Jan. 31 date falls on a Sunday in this cycle, the deadline for postmark of applications will be Monday, Feb. 1, 2010.

If you have any questions, please call either Ed Sills or Vivian Willis at (512)477-6195.

Thank you, as always, for ensuring a fair scholarship process that delivers a positive experience to all applicants.

In solidarity,

Ed Sills  
Director of Communications

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## 2010 TEXAS AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**WHO MAY APPLY:** Members or children of members of local unions or children whose legal guardians are members of local unions that are affiliated with the Texas AFL-CIO and the local Central Labor Council. *Applicants must be high school seniors who are planning to attend a university, college or technical institute in the summer or fall term.*

Application forms are available from your Central Labor Council or the Texas AFL-CIO Education Department - P. O. Box 12727, Austin, Texas 78711. **THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010.**

**TO INSURE PROPER PROCESSING:** *Please be sure to list the Central Labor Council with which your parent's or legal guardian's local union is affiliated. Make sure the application is signed by a union officer and at least one parent or legal guardian. Include an official school transcript and if applicable, proof of legal guardianship. If you are unsure that your local union is affiliated with your local Central Labor Council, please contact one of your local union officers. **PLEASE MAIL APPLICATIONS TO: TEXAS AFL-CIO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - P. O. BOX 12727, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711. Incomplete applications will be returned to the student.***

A packet of material on organized labor will be sent to each applicant to prepare for a test about unions. If you do not receive your packet, please contact your central labor council, a local union officer, or the Texas AFL-CIO.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Each Central Labor Council will arrange all interviews and tests for applicants no later than April 2, 2010. Please contact your Central Labor Council if you have not received notice of an interview by April 2, 2010. **YOU MUST BE TESTED AND INTERVIEWED IN THE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOUR LOCAL UNION IS AFFILIATED.**

After interviews and tests are conducted, each local Central Labor Council will select semi-finalists from among their applicants. Applicant's financial need, academic achievements, extra curricular activities, and his/her understanding of the labor movement as demonstrated by the test scores and interviews will be considered.

The statewide Scholarship Committee of the Texas AFL-CIO will select winners from among the semi-finalists. The results will be mailed to all applicants. High schools principals will receive notice of winning applicants whose name will be announced in the Texas AFL-CIO Labor News:

If you are awarded a scholarship, please contact the Texas AFL-CIO Education Department in writing or via email to [ed@texasafcio.org](mailto:ed@texasafcio.org), and give us the name and address of the university, college or technical institute you plan to attend. **The scholarship will be paid directly to the school of your choice upon acceptance.**

For further information, contact your local union officer, Central Labor Council or Edward Sills, Texas AFL-CIO Education Department, at (512) 477-6195 or [ed@texasafcio.org](mailto:ed@texasafcio.org).

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2010 TEXAS AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP  
TIMELINE SCHEDULE

October 12, 2009	Texas AFL-CIO Education Department will mail scholarship packet to CLCs.
November 4, 2009	Send out a letter in billing cards reminding locals and CLCs of Deadline and timeline. Include scholarship application to Xerox and Distribute with note that it can be downloaded from website.
December 3, 2009	Letter to CLCs and Texas AFL-CIO VP's - reminder with coupon For 501 (c) 3 -  An article in Texas AFL-CIO News.
January 4, 2010	Send out second reminder to locals and CLCs of deadline and Timeline. Ask if Scholarship Committee Chair has been appointed, if so, who?
<b>Monday, February 1, 2010</b>	<b>Deadline for receiving applications at Texas AFL-CIO for processing.</b>
February 5, 2010	Texas AFL-CIO Education Department will mail applications back to CLCs. Send letter to CLCs reminding CLC Presidents and Scholarship Committee to Verify eligibility/affiliation before packets go to students on February 23, 2010. <b>Note, if no semi-finalist is selected, no scholarship will be awarded.</b> Again ask if Scholarship Committee Chair has been appointed, if so, who?
February 16, 2010	Email letter to CLCs reminding CLC Presidents and Scholarship Committee To verify eligibility/affiliation before packets go to students on February 23, 2010.
February 23, 2010	Deadline for applicants to be mailed packet of study material.
April 2, 2010	Deadline for CLCs to hold interviews and testing of applicants.
April 16, 2010	Deadline for CLCs to send applications marked "Semi-finalists" to Texas AFL-CIO. Note: If no semi-finalist is selected, no scholarship will be Awarded.
April 22, 2010	Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Committee meets in Austin to make Final selection.
May 7, 2010	Notice of final selection mailed to applicants, CLCs high school Principals, Texas AFL-CIO Communications' department (monthly Newspaper), and news releases.

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