

April, 2008

TO: AFFILIATES

Greetings:

THE 2008 OFL LABOUR HONOUR ROLL SCHOLARSHIP

The OFL is pleased to call for applications for its annual Labour Honour Roll Scholarship.

The OFL will award two scholarships worth \$2,000 each to a member or the child of a member of a local union affiliated to the OFL. The scholarships are awarded in honour of distinguished trade union activists selected by representatives of the OFL Executive Board.

The scholarship recipients must be entering, in September 2008, the first year of a full-time course of study (leading to a diploma or certificate) at a public Ontario community college or the first year of an undergraduate program (leading to a degree) at a publicly funded Ontario university.

The criteria for selection of the scholarship winners are the following:

1. Evidence of superior scholastic ability (a complete transcript of high school marks must be submitted with the application).
2. A brief résumé outlining non-academic interests and activities, such as community or political involvement as well as goals for the future.
3. Evidence of understanding of the role and significance of the Canadian labour movement.

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In order to satisfy point (3) above, applicants will be required to submit an essay of not more than 1,000 words. The topic is:

AUTOMATIC CARD CERTIFICATION

“Automatic Card Certification” was introduced in Ontario with its 1950 *Labour Relations Act*. It existed under Conservative Premiers, such as Leslie Frost, John Robarts and Bill Davis. It existed under Liberal Premiers David Peterson and then-NDP Premier Bob Rae. In the 1990s, Conservative Premier Mike Harris eliminated automatic card certification. Following their election in 2003, the Ontario Liberals restored it, but it only applies to some workers.

What is Automatic Card Certification and why should it apply to all workers in every sector? Why is this a youth issue?

The deadline for receipt of applications is June 30, 2008. An application form is enclosed. The winner will be announced by August 31, 2008.

The OFL is very proud to honour our colleagues in this way, and pleased to be able to offer some financial assistance to our members and their children. Please ensure that these scholarships are made known as widely as possible.

In solidarity,

Terry Downey
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Attachment

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