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TO: AFFILIATES

Greetings:

THE 2009 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 2009, 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:

We are currently experiencing the worst recession in generations, yet the media tends to portray unions who are fighting for jobs and decent wages as being "out of touch" and "inflexible". Explain why you agree or disagree with this sentiment and why it matters for young workers."

The deadline for receipt of applications is June 30, 2009. An application form is enclosed. The winner will be announced by August 31, 2009.

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
Executive Vice-President

Attachment

cc: W. Samuelson, I. Harris
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