

ASEA IN ACTION



City & Borough of Sitka Chapter

CBS 5th Annual Picnic



The 5th annual ASEA picnic was held this year on June 27th at Pioneer Park. About 50 members, retirees and their families attended.

Again, the most popular activities were the races and games with the adult/ child water balloon toss. Cash prizes were given for the top 3 contestants in each category. We drew for door prizes for both the kids and members. The big chocolate coins and glow stick jewelry were a big hit for the kids as were the gift cards to Petro Marine, Pizza Express and Kenny's Wok & Teriyaki. S'mores and gift bags for the kids are always popular.

CBS Contract Negotiating Committee Election News

We will be scheduling an election for this year's Contract Negotiating Committee. Nominations and the election will be within the next couple of months. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please contact any of your Executive Board Members. There will be a committee member and an alternate from each of the designated locations established by our bylaws. Please consider serving. This is a very important part of what your union does for you.



AFSCME Scholarships Available

There are several AFSCME Scholarships available.

The AFSCME Family Scholarship is for graduating high school seniors ONLY, or children who are financially dependent, grandchildren whose parents are active dues paying members or retired members.

- The application period opens August 1 and closes December 31, with the winners announced on March 31.
- Ten (10) scholarships of \$2,000 each awarded annually.
- Once awarded, scholarship will be renewed for \$2,000 each year up to four (4) years provided the student remains enrolled in a full-time course of study.

The Jerry Clark Memorial Scholarship is available to children of active AFSCME members who are college sophomores with a social science major.

- The application period opens January 7 and closes April 30
- Winners are announced August 1
- Students must have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above
- Two (2) \$500 scholarships per year are awarded for the College Junior and Senior years
- Includes an internship with AFSCME's Political Action Department

Union Plus Scholarship program awards range from \$500 to \$4,000.

- The application period opens June 14 and ends January 31
- Winners announced May 3
- Available to union members' spouses and dependent children.

National Labor College Scholarship helps union members and leaders earn a Bachelor of Arts or Graduate degree while continuing their trade

union work.

- A total of \$25,000 in financial aid is contributed to the National Labor College Program each year
- Program is tailored to full-time working members, with online distance-education
- Eligible students attending programs allow students to study and take classes at their own pace on their own schedules.

For more information on scholarships go to: www.afscme.org/members/scholarships

Need help deciding which college to attend? Need to prepare for College Testing? Go to: <http://www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/princeton-review-test-prep-courses>

There you will find information on free online practice tests for: ACT, SAT, MCAT, a full listing of prep test studies are available. Also, you can find information on textbook discounts, online courses and private tutoring to prepare for the SAT, etc. Get discounts on the test prep courses.

Already completed your studies: go to: www.afscme.org and click on the Student Debt Resources header on the AFSCME webpage. If you need information on helping with your student loan debt and click on the header "Student Debt Resources," you will find information on "Forgive My Student Debt" and "Student Loan Borrower Assistance" program.



Remember to check with your ASEA Chapter to see if they have ASEA Chapter Scholarships available.