

ASEA In Action



Anchorage Chapter Scholarship Applications Are Now Available

To those Anchorage chapter members with high school seniors heading to college or already in college, or Anchorage chapter members who are themselves planning to take college courses while continuing their State employment, the ASEA Anchorage Chapter Local 52 scholarship program is for you! There are two types of scholarships:

Dependent scholarships for the **children** of members (Note: spouses of members are not considered dependents for the purposes of this program).

Member scholarships for **members** wishing to advance their education and careers (Note: non-member spouses are not eligible for this program).

There is also a Tuition Reimbursement program for **qualifying members** seeking a degree or enrolled in a program at an accredited institution, college, or university. This program is intended to reimburse valid tuition and related fees, if these expenses are out-of-pocket only (i.e., not paid via your employer or via scholarship).

Please note that a Member may qualify for either the Member Scholarship or the Tuition Reimbursement in the same year (but not both).

Members qualify for the member scholarship and tuition reimbursement only if they have attended three Anchorage Chapter meetings since May 2018. This requirement does not pertain to the dependent school scholarship program.

All programs are described on the ASEA Local 52 website and the 2019 applications are posted now. Details are available at <https://www.afscmelocal52.org/scholarship-committee>.

These programs are funded by ASEA Local 52, Anchorage Chapter, to benefit our members.

Applications are due Friday, May 24, 2019 Please be sure to follow all instructions completely as many were disqualified last year for lack of attention to instructions.

To contact Celia Rozen, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, please e-mail to: anchchptscholarship@gmail.com



Look For The ASEA Notice Of Nominations In Your Mail

Watch your mail for the ASEA Notice of Nominations

Mailing date: December 11, 2018.

Nominations will be accepted as follows:

State Executive Board – six positions:

- President ●Administrative Support Representative ●Professional Representative ●Class I Representative ●Northern Region Representative and ●Municipal Representative.

ASEA Judicial Panel – seven positions:

- Rural/Bush Member & Alternate ●Juneau Member & Alternate ●Anchorage Alternate and ●Fairbanks Member & Alternate.

Members also have an opportunity to submit constitutional amendments to the ASEA Constitution, to be included as a ballot.

A digital copy of the Notice of Nominations is also available on the ASEA Website at www.afscmelocal52.org

If you have any questions, please email Elections@afscmelocal52.org

Happy Holidays!



Merry Christmas

Wishing everyone a very

Happy and Safe

Holiday!



President's Message

Happy Holidays Sisters and Brothers,

Holiday greetings everyone. December brings a sense of joy and togetherness for us all. I want to give a heartfelt thank you to our Contract Negotiating Committee for working tirelessly in negotiating a contract for us. Thank you a job well done! Please read all the information and attend a worksite meeting coming near you soon. Ask questions and read the literature that has been sent to you about our tentative contract agreement. Now your voice needs to be heard again through your vote. Voting started November 19, 2018 through December 10, 2018.

The results of our State elections has changed the legislative landscape and your voice will continue to be needed to hold our elected officials accountable to run our State efficiently and effectively. Our contract will depend on our elected officials being convinced to realize the value in supporting our contract. Reach out and let your elected official know we are working families who support the services of our great State and we need their support in funding our contract. Remember, do you think you deserve a cost of living wage increase? The answer is yes, I do, because we have not had a cost of living wage in three years.

Your Union has completed Stewards training for your Stewards who are ready to serve you in matters that will help you navigate matters that affect your job. Your steward takes on a number of roles in the union. We provide leadership in the workplace. We organize co-workers to take collective action and we communicate with workers, union leaders and management. Welcome to our new stewards and thank you to our Stewards who continue to serve.

Last month many of us partnered with organizations to help our community individuals and families in need. To see how we gave back to our community is so heart-warming. There are so many ideas on how to share and give it's amazing. Some ideas for your chapters and/or your family are the following: Adopt a family and shop for them, be a Secret Santa for someone, write a letter to a Veteran or child in another country, have a family movie night and play games, go to lunch or take a break with a co-worker, donate to our AFSCME's Fallen Hero's Fund, donate a large backpack to a foster child, assist in feeding our homeless community, visit someone that is in a hospice or hospital, go to the SPCA and love on pets needing a home, or just call a long distance family member or friend and say, "hello, I miss you." Your gift of giving and sharing makes a difference.

Did you know on **December 5, 1955** - The AFL-CIO was founded after two separate labor organizations, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, joined together following 20 years of rivalry, thus becoming the leading advocate for trade unions in the U.S.

As the year winds down, welcome spending time with your family and your family coming home for a visit (college students). Our children will be out of school for a winter break and skiing, snowboarding and sledding will be in full fledge. Oh I forgot to mention shopping, shopping, shopping!

Brothers and Sisters, be safe during this holiday seasons. We will continue to **Engage** collectively with one another through our worksites, our union involvement and community partnerships. I challenge you to **Inspire** one another and yourself to make a difference in our Union and your community, because you can. I will continue to reach out to you and I hope you will do the same. Until next time, remember we are strong collectively and "UNITY" is in our **COMMUNITY**. **As always, I will serve you with Style and Grace.**

*In Friendship and Solidarity,
Dawn Bundick, ASEA Local 52 President*

