

\$12,000 in awards!



Request an Application

CHECK CATEGORY:

- ☐ Members' College
☐ Spouses' College
☐ Dependents' College / Vocational

CHECK ELIGIBILITY:

- ☐ OCSEA member
☐ Spouse of OCSEA member
☐ Dependent of OCSEA member

PLEASE PRINT

Applicant's Full Name: Last 4 digits of Social Security No.:

Street Address: Apt.:

City: Zip: Phone:

Member's Full Name: Last 4 digits of Social Security No.: (Required)

Agency: Member's Work Phone:

Home Phone: Member's home email address:

NOTE: By completing this form, you are only **requesting an application**, which will be mailed to you. Completing this request form is NOT considered a scholarship application.

MAIL TO:

Les Best Application
390 Worthington Road - Ste. A
Westerville, OH 43082

OR FAX TO:

The Scholarship fax: **614-865-4777**

OR DOWNLOAD APPLICATIONS ONLINE:

ocsea.org/lesbest

Eligibility

Spouses and dependent children of OCSEA members who are enrolled in—or who have been accepted into and plan to attend—a full-time union apprenticeship, vocational school, technical school or an accredited college or university (undergraduate level) are eligible to apply for the **Spouses' College** or the **Dependents' College/ Vocational Scholarships**.

Dues-paying union members with full-time or part-time status at an accredited university or college (undergraduate level) are eligible to apply for the **Members' College Scholarship**.

Awards are good for one year. However, applicants may re-apply in subsequent years for additional awards not to exceed three scholarship awards.

Application Request

To request a Les Best Scholarship application packet, complete the form on the left and mail to OCSEA, or download your application online, and mail or email the application, essay, references and necessary transcripts.

Go to

ocsea.org/lesbest

Scholarship fax:

614-865-4777

Scholarship mailbox:

OCSEA Les Best Scholarship Fund
390 Worthington Rd. – Ste. A
Westerville, OH 43082

Application Deadline

To be considered for an award, applications **must be completed and all required materials postmarked no later than April 30, 2017**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. For more information, please call OCSEA at 800-969-4702 or locally, **614-865-4733** and refer to the Les Best Scholarship.

Selection Process

In June, the scholarship selection committee—a group of distinguished educators and labor union representatives—will examine and consider all required materials submitted and will award up to 12 scholarships. Recipients' names and photos are published in the summer issue of OCSEA's *Public Employee Quarterly* magazine.



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Les Best Scholarship

A total of \$12,000 will be awarded for 2017/2018

Dependents' College/ Vocational SCHOLARSHIP

Members' College SCHOLARSHIP

Spouses' College SCHOLARSHIP

Also...

Those applying for the Les Best Members' College Scholarship will automatically be considered for one of two \$250 scholarships for textbooks from the Pat Callanan-Castro Memorial Book Scholarship fund.

PAT CALLANAN-CASTRO
Memorial Book Scholarship



For OCSEA members

OCSEA/AFSCME Local 11 is proud to announce the annual

Les Best Scholarship Program

This fund continues to grant educational financial-assistance awards to active, dues-paying OCSEA members, their dependent children and spouses.

In 2017, a total of **\$12,000** in scholarships will be awarded!

Les Best Scholarships are awarded in three categories:

Dependents' College/Vocational Scholarship

For undergraduate students entering or already enrolled full-time in a college or university; or students entering or enrolled in a full-time vocational, trade or technical school or union apprenticeship. **Four \$2,000** scholarships OR **three \$2,000** scholarships and **two \$1,000** scholarships.*

*Distribution amounts determined by judges.

Members' College Scholarship

For active members who are full-time or part-time undergraduate students, or who will begin classes in the fall; either **two \$1,000** scholarships OR **four \$500** scholarships.*

Spouses' College Scholarship

For active members' spouses who are full-time or part-time undergraduate students, or who will begin classes in the fall; either **two \$1,000** scholarships OR **four \$500** scholarships.*

How To Apply

Applications are available online at ocsea.org/lesbest. Completed applications, essays and supporting materials can be emailed to scholarship@ocsea.org or returned by mail to:

OCSEA Les Best Scholarship Fund
390 Worthington Rd. Ste. A
Westerville, Ohio 43082

The deadline for all materials is **April 30, 2017**.
Required materials include:

- The Les Best Scholarship application, completed and signed.
- An official copy of the applicant's acceptance letter to a union apprenticeship program, vocational school or an accredited college or university for undergraduate studies.
- A 500-1,000 word essay on the following:
"The right to vote is a basic democratic right in this country. But some politicians have made it more difficult for some people to vote. What are some of the ways Ohio politicians have suppressed the vote in this state? Why are voter suppression efforts a danger to democracy? What are some ways to ensure that everyone's vote counts?"
- An official high school transcript or an official college transcript, whichever is applicable. *(Only required for the Dependent College/Vocational scholarship).*
- The results of the applicant's Scholastic Aptitude Test or American College Test *(Graduating high school seniors only. Not applicable for students enrolling in vocational, trade or technical schools).*
- The academic/professional reference form completed and signed.



Who was Les Best?



Les Best was an Ohio Civil Service Employees Association state officer and former math teacher at the Ohio Veterans Children's Home. Believing in OCSEA's dedication to improving the quality of life for its members and their children, Best felt an obligation to promote higher education and training.

In 1989, he proposed that OCSEA begin a scholarship for the children of active members and retirees.

Les Best died that same year, having served OCSEA for 10 years as an officer and 22 years as a member of its Board of Directors. Best was loved by many and his memory and dedication lives on through the **OCSEA Les Best Scholarship**.