

Eligibility

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 only) are eligible to apply for the Dependents' College/Vocational Scholarships.

Spouses of OCSEA members enrolled full-time or part-time in an accredited college or university are eligible to apply for the Spouses' College Scholarship.

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, call 800-969-4702 or download your application online at ocsea.org/lesbest. Complete the application and mail or email the application, essay, references and necessary transcripts to the address below.

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, 2021. 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 on the ocsea website at ocsea.org/lesbest.



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**Dependents' College/Vocational
SCHOLARSHIP**

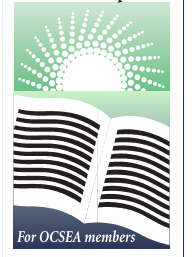
**Members' College
SCHOLARSHIP**

**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 2022, a total of \$12,000 in scholarships will be awarded! Applicants can apply in one category (member, spouse or dependent) for the Les Best Scholarship. Applications in more than one category will not be accepted. Applicants can apply in one category (member, spouse or dependent) for the Les Best Scholarship. Applications in more than one category will not be accepted.

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. Or call 800-969-4702 or locally, 614-865-4777. 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, 2022.

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:
"During the pandemic, OCSEA and other unions were involved in helping to ensure union members were safe on the job. Why are unions so important during times of crisis such as this?"
- 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.

The Les Best Scholarship accepts applications January 1 through April 30, 2022."



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.