

NPMHU ARTHUR S. VALLONE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The NPMHU Arthur S. Vallone National Scholarship committee has finalized its work for this year, and the latest round of Vallone scholars now has been awarded their scholarships for the 2011–2012 school year.

The Vallone Scholarship Award has become a coveted prize since its inception a dozen years ago. As designed, the NPMHU Scholarship Program awards a total of twenty-five new scholarships on a yearly basis to assist deserving mail handlers and/or their immediate families to defray the costs of higher education. Each NPMHU region is granted a total of five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each, renewable for the recipient for up to four years or until the completion of the student's undergraduate degree, whichever occurs first—for a maximum of \$4,000 per recipient over four years.

The National Office received well over 400 applications for the 2011–2012 year. Both craft mail handlers and their children submitted well-documented and very competitive applications for evaluation by the three member independent Scholarship Committee. The Committee completed its thorough review and grading process, resulting in the selection and announcement of this year's twenty-

five new Vallone Scholars—whose pictures are presented on the following page.

The NPMHU routinely receives progress reports from its earlier Vallone Scholar honorees. We recently heard from Vallone scholar Emily Dimet, who graduated in April of this year from Northwood University with a BBA in Economics, Management, and a minor in Spanish. Emily wrote in a letter to the NPMHU: "I received the honor of being Salutatorian of my class, as well as the award for my major. I was also in the top ten percent in the nation in two of my speaking events for competitive Speech nationals. Thank you again for helping to make all of this possible for me".

The NPMHU also checked in with Vallone Scholar Brittney Lewer, who is currently studying at Harvard University and has been taking her education to the streets by lending a hand to the greater Boston community while also attending school full time studying history and literature.

The scholarship application and details for the 2012-2013 year will soon be available to mail handlers and their families. Applications will be available for download on the NPMHU website www.npmhu.org or by contacting your Local or National Union headquarters.