

This November the NPMHU will announce the opening of the 2026 Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship Award year. November 24th the Application for the Vallone Scholarship will be available to Career Mail Handlers, MHA's, and their families.

The Scholarship program has been providing education assistance to deserving recipients since 2001. In February 2005, the program was renamed in honor of Arthur S. Vallone. Arthur had served the NPMHU with distinction for over twenty-five years at his untimely passing in January 2005. Arthur was a true believer in the Union Movement, and a tireless advocate for Mail Handlers and all working people. His list of accomplishments and contributions to the NPMHU is lengthy. The National Postal Mail Handlers Union is proud to honor the legacy that Brother Vallone has left behind.

This year, thanks to a unanimous decision by the NPMHU National Executive Board the Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship program will increase the annual award amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Please take some time to visit the NPMHU National website at www.npmhu.org where you can download the Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship application. The program will award a minimum of 15 scholarships (3 per region) in the annual amount of at least \$2,000, renewable for up to four (4) years or until the completion of the undergraduate degree, whichever

occurs first (for a maximum of **\$8,000** per recipient over 4 years). We hope you will take some time to learn more about the educational opportunities available to Mail Handlers and their families.

Also available to Mail Handlers and their families are various education benefits offered through Union Plus www.unionplus. org. Union Plus currently has several education offerings, each offering has its own degree offering, application process and rules and regulations. We encourage Mail Handlers and their families to tap into these benefits uniquely designed for union families. Please take some time to visit the Union Plus website to learn more about the education benefits along with a plethora of benefits and savings all designed for Union households.

The Union Plus Scholarship is also a resource for education financial support. Since 1991, the Union Plus Scholarship has awarded more than \$5.9 million to students of union families. Over 4,200 union families have benefited from their commitment to higher education. The application deadline for the Union Plus Scholarship is 12:00 PM (EST), Saturday January 31st.