

Beginning in November, the Application for the Vallone Scholarship became available to Career Mail Handlers, MHAs, and their families.

The NPMHU National Scholarship was dedicated and named after Arthur S. Vallone after his untimely passing in 2005. Arthur S. Vallone served as the elected President of Local 309 headquartered in Buffalo, New York and represented approximately 1,500 Mail Handlers throughout upstate New York. Arthur S. Vallone also served 3 terms on the National Executive Board as the Northeast Region Vice President. Vallone's deep understanding of education and learning are just a handful of the reasons why the National Postal Mail Handlers Union dedicated this legacy to Brother Arthur Vallone.

The NPMHU National Executive Board made a key change to the Vallone Scholarship in 2025, which increases the amount of the award for all new recipients. The National Executive Board felt it was necessary to not only stay competitive with other scholarship offerings, but more importantly to reinvest and inject some new life into the vital benefit that the Scholarship Program provides.

As a result of the new changes made by the National Executive Board, each NPMHU Region has been granted up to three

scholarship awards in the amount of **\$2,000** each, renewable by the recipient for up to four years or until the completion of the students undergraduate or trade school degree, whichever occurs first for a maximum of **\$8,000** per recipient over four years.

The Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship application can be found on the NPMHU website at www.npmhu.org.

Also available to Mail Handlers and their families are various education benefits offered through Union Plus www. unionplus.org. With affordable online options for certificates, associate, bachelor's and graduate degrees, plus annual scholarship awards, Union Plus is there to help your union family reach its education goals. 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 available to NPMHU families, along with a plethora of benefits and savings all designed for Union households.