

NPMHU Arthur S. Vallone SCHOLARSHIP

The NPMHU is pleased to announce the opening of 2023 Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship Award year. Beginning in November the Application for the Vallone Scholarship will be available to Career Mail Handlers, MHAs, and their families.

The Scholarship program has been providing 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 are lengthy. The National Postal Mail Handlers Union is proud to honor the legacy that Brother Vallone has left behind.

Scholarships are the source of encouragement towards education and research for the students that apply and receive them. They are provided to the deserving candidates who are interested in college education, research, and technical expertise. Scholarships motivate and encourage students to think of further studies and achieve great goals even in these times of uncertainty. These are just a few reasons why the Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship program is

significant to our craft members and their families.

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 \$1,000, renewable for up to four (4) years or until the completion of the undergraduate degree, whichever occurs first (for a maximum of \$4,000 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.union-plus.org. Union Plus currently has 3 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.

This year Emily Sanzone of Denver whose Father, Anthony Sanzone NPMHU Local 321 member received the Union Plus Scholarship. Emily Sanzone was honored for her Achievement and Union Values. Union Plus wrote: "Emily will attend Yale University this fall and major in astrophysics. She is the first person in her family to attend college. Emily's goal is to work for NASA, an aspiration that launched when her engineering teacher asked her to brief the DSST administrative office about the Perseverance rover's Mars landing in February 2021. She was the second person in her high school's history to be named a National Merit Semifinalist. Emily is thankful for the ways in which her father's NPMHU membership has benefited her family through difficult times, such as when her mother was diagnosed with cancer. "We have experienced financial difficulties a fair share of times in my life, but we have always been able to rely on my dad's steady income," Emily said. "NPMHU kept us afloat in situations I was almost certain we wouldn't make it through."

We continue to be impressed by the students that apply for these scholarships, especially in these challenging times. We hope that these offerings are well received and taken advantage of and we look forward to the next group of Vallone Scholars and Union Plus Scholarship recipients.