

# NPMHU Arthur S. Vallone SCHOLARSHIP

**T**he NPMHU is pleased to announce the opening of 2021 Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship Award year. Beginning in November the Application for the Vallone Scholarship will be available to Career Mail Handlers 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 is 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 receive them. They are provided to the deserving candidates who are interested in college education,

research, and technical expertise. The significance of scholarships is such that even educational institutions, Labor Organizations, and their members, are highly interested due to the benefits that come along with these awards. Scholarships motivate and encourage students to think of further studies and achieve great goals. These are just a few reasons why the Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship program is significant to our career craft members and their families.

Please take some time to visit the NPMHU National website at [www.npmhu.org](http://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 a various education benefits offered through Union Plus [www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.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.*

**Free College** — In a partnership with Eastern Gateway Community College qualified applicants can earn an Associate Degree in several degree programs. Also available is a certificate program in several concentrations. Details about the Free College benefit can be found at: <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/free-college>

**Bachelor's Degree Program** — In a partnership with Central State University qualified applicants can apply to attend college at no cost. Degree programs such as Business Management, Teacher Education (Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) or Criminal Justice are all offered through this program. Information and details about the bachelor's degree Program can be found at: <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/free-college>

**Union Plus Scholarship** — Union Plus has been offering their scholarship to Union members since 1991. Awards for the Union Plus Scholarship range from \$500 to \$4,000; they are a one-time offering and eligible students may re-apply each year. Application and details regarding the Union Plus Scholarship can be found here: <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships>